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America's Gesture

Washington, Feb. 21.
The US State Department announced on Friday that America had voluntarily arranged to coal British ships for the round Transatlantic trip to help relieve the British fuel crisis.
The Department estimated that the arrangement would relieve the British shortage by 50,000 to 75,000 tons a month.
This action, said the announcement, was in accord with President Truman's desire to help Britain.
The British representative on the combined coal committee in Washington has accepted the offer and Britain has expressed formal thanks for the gesture, the State Department said.
British ships have now been instructed to obtain a double supply of coal at American ports.—Associated Press.

BLIZZARD STRIKES ENGLAND

London, Feb. 20.
The winter's worst blizzard blanketed Southern England and late to-day spread through the northern counties, isolating towns which had just been dug out from previous heavy snows and threatening new transportation tie-ups.

Winds of gale force raged through the Straits of Dover and into the North Sea, where rough seas threatened to halt coal shipments to London. However, 23 coal ships carrying over 45,000 tons slipped into the river early to-day before the storm broke.

Visibility in the Channel and in the Thames estuary was down to a half-mile and snow was thickening.
A new record of 3,400 troops and 1301 vehicles were employed, despite the worsening weather, to haul coal from the pitheads to railroad dumps, but coal trains to the south were running late and in some cases were snowed in.

WORST OF THE WORST
The Automobile Association said weather throughout England was the worst of the worst winter in 50 years. Powdery snow driven by a 30 mph wind piled drifts six feet deep in places.
Hundreds of sheep were buried under the snow, or suffered from snowblindness and had to be destroyed. Unthreshed stocks of wheat were attacked by flocks of ravens and crows and farmers saw their feeding grain rendered worthless before their eyes.

In Bromley, the County Judge, Sir Gerald Hurst, told Court lawyers they could wear overcoats since they must abandon some formality in these times. A lawyer, Mr. F. R. Lawrence, replied: "Thanks, Your Honour, I have already taken underground precautions."

The blizzard was caused by a depression area which moved north to Devon and then east to London. The weather forecast was: "The snow will continue."—United Press.

Modern Navigational Aids For H. K.

Harbour Office Has Big Scheme In Hand

Plans are now complete, and only equipment is awaited, to bring Hongkong's marine navigational aids and signal stations completely up to date. In many ways they will surpass pre-war standards.

This was disclosed by the Harbour Master, Mr. J. Jolly, in an interview to-day with the "Telegraph."

Mr. Jolly said that the war had seriously impaired the navigational aids and signal stations. Waglan was severely bombed and then looted, and Gap Rock (important also as a meteorological station) had been heavily shelled and looted, putting it virtually out of commission.

Eight important points were being re-equipped with modern equipment, while additional apparatus such as lanterns and flashers were being installed at North and South Lyemun, Channel Rocks, Chungchau, Breakwater Lights, Lantau, Cust Rock and Ma Wan.

The programme, which involves expenditure up to £200,000 specially granted by the Colonial Office, includes the following:

HALF-MINUTE FLASHES

Gap Rock: conversion into electric light with a new lantern and a revolving optic of four catadioptric panels of 375 mm focal distance which will show a single flash every 30 seconds. The photometric power will be 1,000,000 ECP (English Candle Power) with a duration flash of 1.2 seconds. If desired, this can be increased to 1,500,000 ECP.

The old fog gun, which fired every 10 minutes, is to be replaced by a four-unit electromagnetic oscillator, with a 360 degrees sound dispersion and a character similar to the light of one flash every 30 seconds.

Power for this apparatus will be provided by three sets of engines and generators with the necessary relays and converters. Ample reserve of power has been allowed for to provide for future developments.

The minimum range of this four-unit oscillator will be five miles. Communication from Gap Rock will be by wireless telephony and Morse (C/W) and will be direct to the Harbour Office.

The importance of Gap Rock as a meteorological station has also been taken into account, and a system of call bells is to be instituted.

ELECTRIFYING WAGLAN
Waglan: This important station is to be converted to electric light, with a modern electrically rotated lens with four catadioptric panels of 375 mm focal distance with two flashes every half minute. The light will be fitted with an automatic lamp changer with stand-by light equipment and an alarm system. The power of this light, calculated in photometric light power will be

800,000 ECP, which can be increased to 1,200,000.

The fog signal will be a twin "G" type superimposed diaphone, half a wave length apart, emitting two blasts in quick succession.

The station is fitted with W/T and stand-by C/W, at present operating with the Observatory wireless station. New wireless equipment is on order which will permit direct communication between Waglan and the Harbour Office.

Lam Tong: Is to be provided with a LBFC 200 Aga Lantern giving a range of eight miles. Replacing the old fog bell, which was destroyed during the war, a two-unit electromagnetic oscillator will be installed. These oscillators are something new in fog signal appliances. They have been proved superior to air driven transmitters, both in range and volume.

MUCH REPAIR WORK
Cape Collinson: much work has to be done here. It was destroyed and looted and must be put into a state of repair. When this has been done, the station will be fitted with a Lantern FLE 20/9 dioptric cut lens of 500 mm and Dallen light of 35 litres with automatic mantle changer and sun-valve. A red sector will be fitted to the lantern covering the six-foot rock and the Bahara Rocks and this will obviate necessity for marking these rocks by buoys.

Green Island: the station is to be converted into electric light with automatic lamp change and stand-by Dallen acetylene burner of 100 litres, giving light powers of 52,000 ECP and a range of approximately 14 miles.

Navigational lights and aids will, in all cases, be similar to pre-war except where alterations are necessary to bring fog signals into alignment with the light characters.

Kap Sing: It is proposed to install a new lantern LEBA 375 on the old tower with a cut dioptric lens 375 mm and a 25 litre flasher. Replacing the old fog bell, which was situated on the top of the island and considered too high for efficiency, an aerial fog signal will be installed as near sea level which will also permit maximum efficiency. This fog signal will operate on CO2 gas and will be fitted with an automatic half valve and supply of CO2 to cover the fog season.

SERVICE FOR SHIPPING
Blackhead Signal Station: is to be converted into electric light with automatic lamp changer and a dioptric cut lens of 500 mm, giving a light power of 22,000 ECP. A red sector covering an arc of 12 degrees will be fitted to the lantern covering Cust Rocks and Channel Rocks.

Both at this station and the Harbour Office signal tower, a new service has been brought into operation.

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Student's Petition

Shanghai, Feb. 21.
About 1,000 students intending to go abroad to pursue advanced studies have petitioned the Chinese Government either to sell them foreign currency at the previous official exchange rate of 3,350 Chinese National dollars to one United States dollar or grant them a subsidy amounting to the difference between the previous and present rate of 12,000.

The students pointed out that when they took the Government examination to study abroad last year, the exchange rate was only 2,020 and if they are required to buy foreign currency at the present rate, then it is almost impossible for them to proceed abroad to continue their studies.—Reuter.

DEMOB PLAN COMPLETED

Soviet Forces In Germany Reduced

Berlin, Feb. 21.
General Joseph McNarney disclosed to-day that he has been advised by Soviet Marshal Vasili Sokolovsky that the large-scale four months demobilisation of Russian troops in Germany has been completed.

Observers believe that Soviet occupation forces are at present less than 200,000, or approximately the same as those of the American Army in Germany.

Gen McNarney said Sokolovsky told him yesterday that troop movements were completed and correspondents would again be permitted to visit the Russian zone. The zone has been sealed off since last October when redeployment began.

Gen McNarney disclosed that the Russians in a long concession, had agreed to dissolution of the state of Prussia. Reviewing the 15 months on the job, McNarney said he felt the Control failed to fulfil the Berlin protocol because it failed to create a central German government which the Russians and sometimes the French opposed.

LONG OCCUPATION
He said the work led him to believe in long occupation—10 years was his first idea, but maybe it will need "10 to 15 years more" to dismantle war essential areas. He said that effective on March 1, Jewish DP's in the American zone will lose their special food rations of an extra 200 calories and become ordinary DP's.

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WHY LORD WAVELL RESIGNED

At Variance With India Policy

London, Feb. 21.
The setting of a time limit for the transference of power to Indian hands, plus the British Government's pressure on the Moslem League to enter the Constituent Assembly, brought final rupture between the British Cabinet and Viceroy Lord Wavell, it was learned to-day.

The British Cabinet supported the Congress Party in their insistence that the Moslem ministers should resign if the Moslem League continued to boycott the Constituent Assembly.

The climax was reached at the end of last week when Lord Wavell firmly expressed disapproval of such pressure, and announced it left him no alternative but to ask to be replaced.

The appointment of Lord Louis Mountbatten was said to conform with the British Government's policy of supporting the Congress Party's contention that the Moslem League should either co-operate or quit the interim government.

Lord Mountbatten's past record indicated he would not countenance prolonged communal discord and that he would insist on the Moslems joining the Constituent Assembly.

AGREEMENT PROSPECTS

The Prime Minister's statement would support the new Viceroy. In this respect because it offers the Moslems a vestment of power at least in Bengal and the Sind even if the present Hindu-Moslem disagreement continues.

Indian quarters described Lord Mountbatten as a "man of imagination" and believed his liberal outlook would enhance prospects of bringing the contending elements in India together.

Political quarters recalled that Lord Mountbatten played an important role in the recent London negotiations which resulted in an agreement between London and Durban.

It was also recalled that in 1945 Lord Mountbatten when he met Pandit Nehru in Singapore made no secret of the fact that he believed the cleavage between the Hindus and Moslems in India could be surmounted if Britain placed a time limit on the negotiations.—United Press.

QUESTION FOR ATTLEE

London, Feb. 21.
The formal question "Is Viscount Wavell to be permitted to make a public statement on his dismissal from the Viceroyalty of India?" is to be put to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons on next Monday by Mr. Henderson Stewart, National Liberal member for East Fife.

A similar question was asked after Mr. Attlee made his announcement on India yesterday but he did not answer it.—Reuter.

INDIA PROBLEM FOR UNO?

New Delhi, Feb. 22.
A highly-placed official predicted that the whole Indian problem would be dumped into the laps of the UNO the moment that Britain drops the reins of government in June, 1948.

A few observers believed it possible that the Moslem League and Congress Party could unite in forming a central government. Moslem League sources declared there was not the slightest possibility that anything short of complete separation from Hindu-dominated parts of India would satisfy the Moslems.

The conflict over which part of India would be included in the proposed independent Moslem state seemed likely to send the problem to the UNO.

At present, the Moslem League ministries control Sind in the west and Bengal in the east—the latter containing Calcutta, the second largest city in the British Empire.

While a coalition government presently controls the rich Punjab province in the north-west, Moslem Leaguers assert that the League will be in control there before Britain withdraws.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

It's Now Up To India

BRITAIN has announced that she is going to give India back to the Indians within the next 15 months. Mr. Attlee's statement in the House of Commons to this effect, while historic, is not world-shaking in its unexpectedness. Complete self-government for India has been an aim and an intention for close on 40 years. Only those who have desperately, and in the face of developments, clung to the old belief that India must eternally remain a dependent country, can be startled or shocked by the Prime Minister's announcement.

Of deeper significance was Mr. Attlee's apprehension that the two principal parties in India—Moslem League and Congress—will be unable to compose their differences and dovetail their viewpoints sufficiently to warrant a form of administration to which Britain can readily grant paramountcy. The alternative, clearly inferred by the Prime Minister, is a chaotic state of internecine strife. This is no new feature in itself, but when Britain goes—and its date-line is given as June, 1948—neither party will have an intermediary to which they can turn; no donkey's back on which to belabour the stubborn rod of non-compromise.

If India's independence is to achieve its purpose, the country must have a fully representative constituent assembly. The hitherto intransigent attitude of both Congress and Moslem League has made this impossible in any event both sides have always been able to avoid the issue by complaining about British "presence," "dominance," and "influence." India is now on her own. She works out her own future, with the blessing, and (if requested) willing help of Britain. She has had a long and arduous tutelage, but she is now expected to be capable of standing on her own administrative and political feet.

ROUND-UP OF ARABS, REPORT

Jerusalem, Feb. 21.
Unconfirmed reports said that 70 Arabs to-day were arrested on the Egyptian-Palestine frontier and five truckloads of rifles and arms and ammunition, were found by the police and seized.

There was no confirmation, but reports said this group crossed the Sinai Desert until intercepted by a military patrol, who informed the Gaza station police.

All 70 Arabs were reportedly taken to Gaza and were being investigated.—United Press.

French Police Break Up Nazi Gang

Paris, Feb. 21.
The Interior Ministry announced to-day that the Surete Nationale had broken up a gang of Nazi agents in France, near Paris, from which for several months the gang had tried to pass on forged documents to "foreign powers" which were not identified.

The Ministry said the gang had outside contacts, some of whom had also been arrested.—United Press.

China To Get Her Request

Cotton Must Be Used To Help Peasants

Washington, Feb. 21.
UNRRA's nine-nation Central Committee, which to-day only a Chinese Government's formal guarantee that its proposed cotton purchase programme would be used to benefit needy Chinese peasants, and not to enrich black marketeers, before approving it.

The effect of the unfavourable publicity due to misunderstanding of the original bid request has now been wholly dispelled, and there appears no opposition among the nine nations to granting China's request.

When approval is finally given—If China gives the required guarantee—it will be for the full amount of \$49,000,000. That amount of cotton made into cloth for peasant clothing would be marketed under the Chinese Government's control and with its assurance that it would not get into the black market, and China would be asked to spend on relief an amount equivalent to sums received from the sale of cotton goods.—United Press.

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FILMS & PLAYERS

Murderous Glamour Girls
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By GUY K. AUSTIN

HOLLYWOOD.—Gone are the days when the heroine of a film had to be sweeter than a chocolate sundae and more clinging than the ivy.

Nowadays most of the ladies in films seem to take murder, insanity and physical violence in their stride.

Glamorous stars who used to play in films with tender love stories are now shown driving their men to suicide, the gallows, or the asylum.

Just take a look at these:

In "The Locket," Laraine Day, once known as a sweet and charming heroine, plays a young woman with well-developed kleptomaniac.

Her strange actions have an unholy effect on the men in her life. Humiliated and embarrassed, Robert Mitchum kills himself.

As Laraine's husband, Brian Aherne is divorced, then committed to an insane asylum.

In "The Woman on the Beach," Robert Ryan stars off as a coast-guard lieutenant.

Then he runs foul of Joan Bennett, wife of a blind painter (Charles Hickford).

Under her influence, he is led to attempt to murder the painter.

2 Temptresses

As a stockbroker in "They Won't Believe Me," Robert Young gets involved with Susan Hayward and Jane Greer.

These two finally unhinge his mind to the point where he kills himself on account of a murder which he is led to believe he has committed.

In "Out of the Past," Jane Greer again gets the likeable Robert Mitchum enmeshed in a web of murder. Rita Hayworth evilly beguiles Orson Welles into a melodramatic mess in "The Lady from Shanghai."

In "Duel in the Sun," Jennifer Jones, who once played St Bernadette, drives Gregory Peck to kill a mild rancher, shoot his own brother in cold blood, and become a train robber.

There are plenty more like this coming.

Perhaps this is the reason why inspiring and uplifting films like "The Yearling," "The Best Years of Our Lives" and "Henry V" have been so popular here, and will find themselves among the Academy Award contenders this March.

Danny Kaye's New Comedy

Thirteen years ago, Danny Kaye, then just starting out on his professional career, joined the Marcus Show and toured the Orient for a summer. The Marcus Show played in the Queen's Theatre here, and one of the items most remembered was a fan dance burlesque in which Danny Kaye brought the house down.

He has travelled a long way from those days. After his Far East tour and a spell of acting in London, he joined the "Straw Hat Revue" on Broadway. When the show closed down, he went to La Martinique night club, where his number, "Annel of Paris," attracted the notice of Moe Hark, who signed him on for "Lady in the Dark," in which Danny Kaye's Tschalkovsky number, rattled off with the names of 50 Russian composers at breakneck speed, sent New York into raptures of delight.

Danny Kaye next played in Cole Porter's "Let's Face It." He was then on the top rung of the ladder, and Samuel Goldwyn offered him a five-year contract to clown in pictures.

His latest comedy, "The Kid From Brooklyn" comes to the Queen's next week. It is the story of a milkman who turns out to be a pugilist and wins the world's championship. There are plenty of laughs throughout.

In addition, there are a number of catchy tunes, dances by Vera-Ellen and items by the gorgeous Goldwyn Girls.

AN ORIGINAL THEME

To the King's during the coming week comes another British film with an original theme. "Beware of Pity" tells the story of a girl stricken by partial paralysis who falls in love with a handsome officer and builds all her hopes upon a supposed cure which he mentions, only when disappointed and realising that his attentions had been prompted by mistaken pity, turns to suicide in an emotional impasse.

The film is based upon a novel by Stefan Zweig, which was translated into English in 1938 and attained considerable success.

Lilli Palmer gives one of the best performances of her career in the part of the cripple. The wife of Rex Harrison, she has recently been in Hollywood, and has just completed "Clock and Dagger," co-starring with Gary Cooper.



Danny Kaye, as a milkman turned pugilist, in a scene from his latest comedy, "The Kid From Brooklyn," which will be seen in Hongkong next week. Supporting him in the ring are two of the gorgeous Goldwyn girls who appear in the film.

Dollars talked to a sterling industry

By Dick Kisch

LONDON.—Film making has become the seventh most important industry in Britain a vital statistics bulletin announced this week.

A few years ago, the film industry held thirtieth place among British industries.

The industry now earns some £2,000,000 annually in the United States.

Optimists predict that in 1947 this figure will soar to £5,000,000.

On the other side of the medal, the United States takes some £20,000,000 each year from the pockets of British cinemagoers.

Cinema Guide

SHOWING TO-DAY

KING'S—Hers To Hold.
QUEEN'S—Sentimental Journey.
ALHAMBRA—Pinocchio.
CENTRAL—Pinocchio

NEXT-CHANGE

KING'S—Beware of Pity.
QUEEN'S—The Kid From Brooklyn.
ALHAMBRA—Wild Beauty.
CENTRAL—Mr Lucky

CHAPLIN'S NEW FILM IN MARCH

Charles Chaplin promised that the public see his "Monsieur Verdoux" in March.

Chaplin's own opinion of Monsieur Verdoux: "It is the only one of my films that I would willingly sit through twice."

He bought the idea for this comedy of murders from Orson Welles, spent two years in writing his scenario, and twelve weeks in shooting the film—with himself as star.

Monsieur Verdoux is a modern Bluebeard.

Chaplin's defence of making mirth out of murder:

"Von Clausewitz said that war is the logical extension of diplomacy, and Monsieur Verdoux feels that murder is the logical extension of business."

"Verdoux should express the feeling of the times we live in—out of catastrophe come people like him."

"He is, however, never morbid, and the picture is by no means morbid."

Chaplin claims that the disaster of a pioneer wagon-party, lost in the Sierras, who took to cannibalism, inspired his comedy, "The Gold Rush" (in which Chaplin, in a classic scene, ate his boots).

Adds the comedian:

"Monsieur Verdoux applies the same technique to the story of a mass-killer, because, under proper circumstances, murder can be comic."

March will tell whether the public agrees with Chaplin.

Hollywood products still occupy 80 per cent. of screen time in British cinemas.

A new Anglo-American film project, ostensibly designed to get more British pictures into the United States (and more dollars into the British Treasury), was also signed in London at the end of January.

Warner Brothers became partners with Associated British Picture Corporation (rivals to the Rank set-up), investing £1,000,000 to reorganise and extend Elstree and Teddington Studios.

The new set-up will make six "British" pictures over two years, all of which will be counted by Warners as part of their overall annual schedule.

The project has the blessing of Sir Stafford Cripps, as President of the Board of Trade.

He attended the slap-up Savoy Hotel banquet at which Jack Warner announced the deal. Said Cripps:

"This is a sort of tutorial experiment under which Warners will provide American stars, directors, and technicians to make pictures with an essentially British background and stories."

Insisted Jack Warner: "References to the ABC being an American dominated company are ridiculous. Warner Brothers' present and future interests lie solely in backing and bringing to reality this type of motion picture production in England."

"Once this programme is in successful operation Warner Brothers will withdraw."

The deal's undoubted attraction for the Treasury is the fact that (according to Warner) "the ABC share in the return of these films will be payable in dollars."

To the people concerned with the continued development of a genuinely national British industry calling films produced under such an arrangement "British" is an unfortunate euphemism.

DEANNA SINGS TWO HITS

Half the songs Deanna Durbin sings in her new Universal picture, "Hers to Hold," are popular numbers.

These numbers are Cole Porter's "Begin The Beguine" and "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There," written by Jimmy McHugh and Herb Magidson. They are the first popular tunes Deanna has presented on the screen in several seasons.

The other two songs in the picture are "The Kashmiri Song" and "Seguidilla" from the opera "Carmen."

"Hers to Hold" is showing at the King's Theatre. Joseph Cotten is Deanna's co-star.

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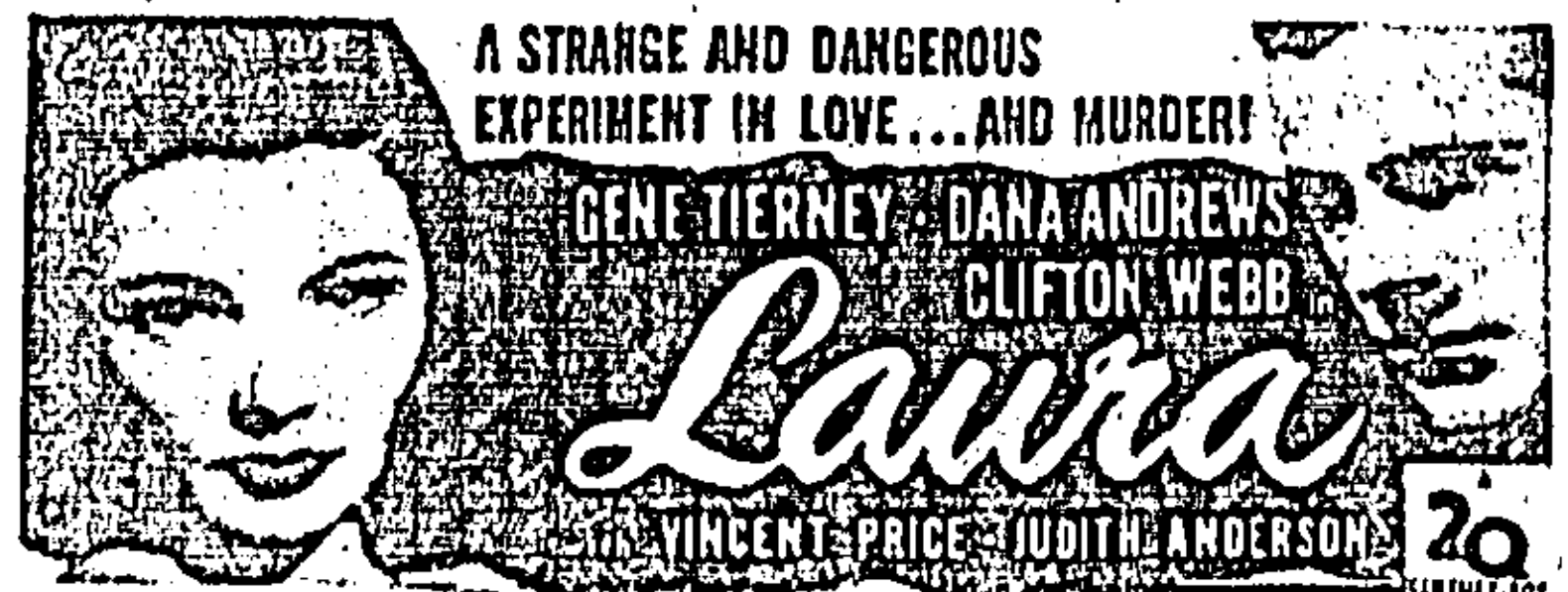
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Details of the week's programmes appear below.

Tuesday

12.30 Daily Programme Summary
12.35 VARIETY FAVOURITES
1.00 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
1.10 Orchestral Interlude
1.15 POPULAR HALLS
1.20 HALF-AN HOUR WITH BACH-BAHNSON
2.00 Close down

Wednesday

6.30 GLENN MILLER AND HIS ORCHESTRA
Kalamazoo—Fox Trot (Warren); Serenade in Blue—Fox Trot (Warren); At Last—Fox Trot (Warren); That old black angel—Fox Trot; Jingle hell—Fox Trot
6.45 STUDIO: LOCAL NEWS "ROUND-UP"
6.55 Orchestral Interlude
Novellette—Serenade (Henselt); Mexican Serenade (Rachubsky); Frederick Himmelfarb and His Orchestra
7.00 LONDON RELAY: WORLD NEWS
7.10 LONDON RELAY: WORLD NEWS
7.15 PIANO PARADE: LONCEA
7.20 STUDIO: LOCAL NEWS "ROUND-UP"
7.25 VARIETY FAVOURITES
7.30 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
7.40 Orchestral Interlude
7.45 POPULAR HALLS
7.50 HALF-AN HOUR WITH BACH-BAHNSON
8.00 Close down

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1.10 Orchestral Interlude
1.15 POPULAR HALLS
1.20 HALF-AN HOUR WITH BACH-BAHNSON
2.00 Close down

Friday

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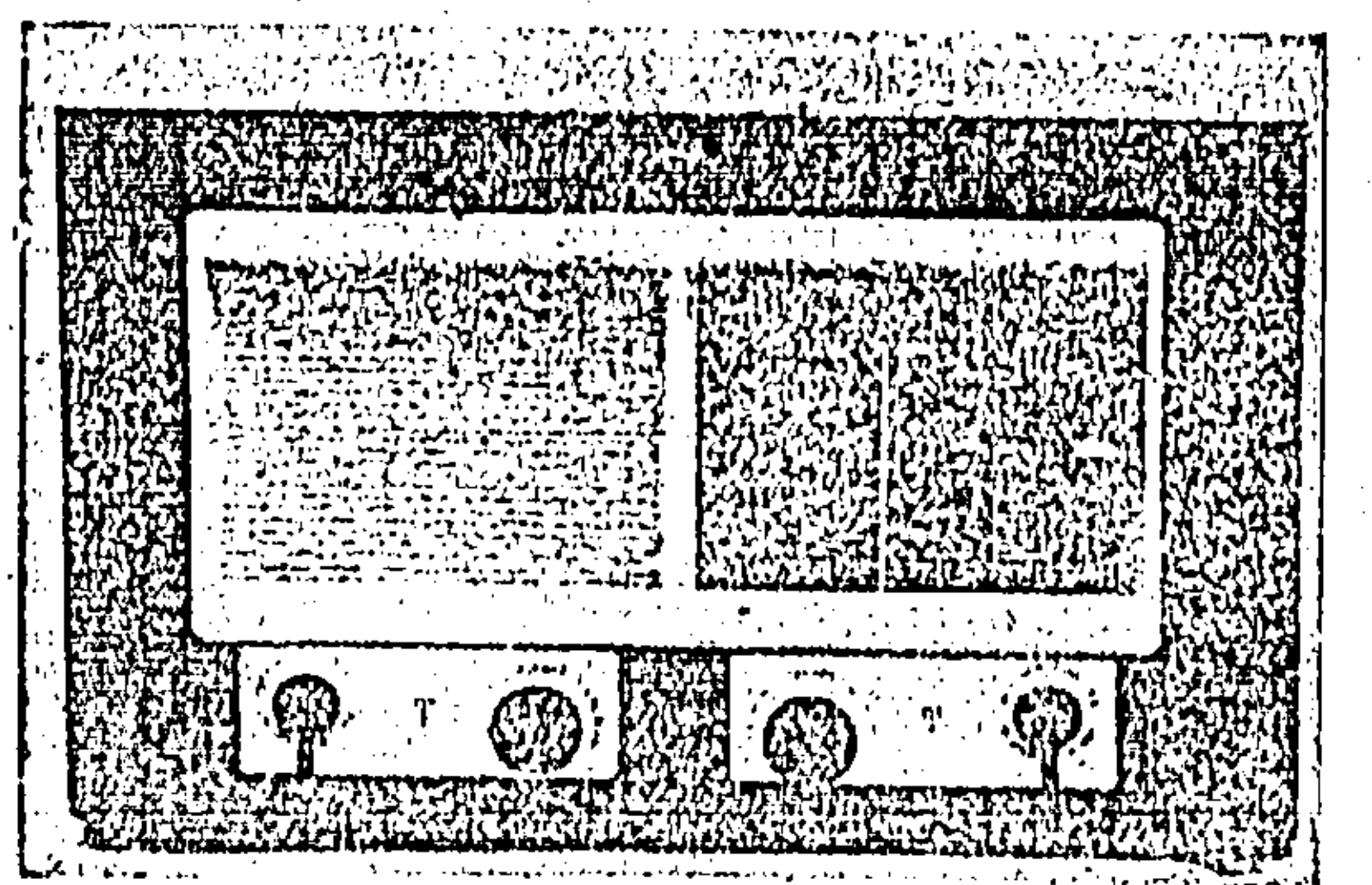
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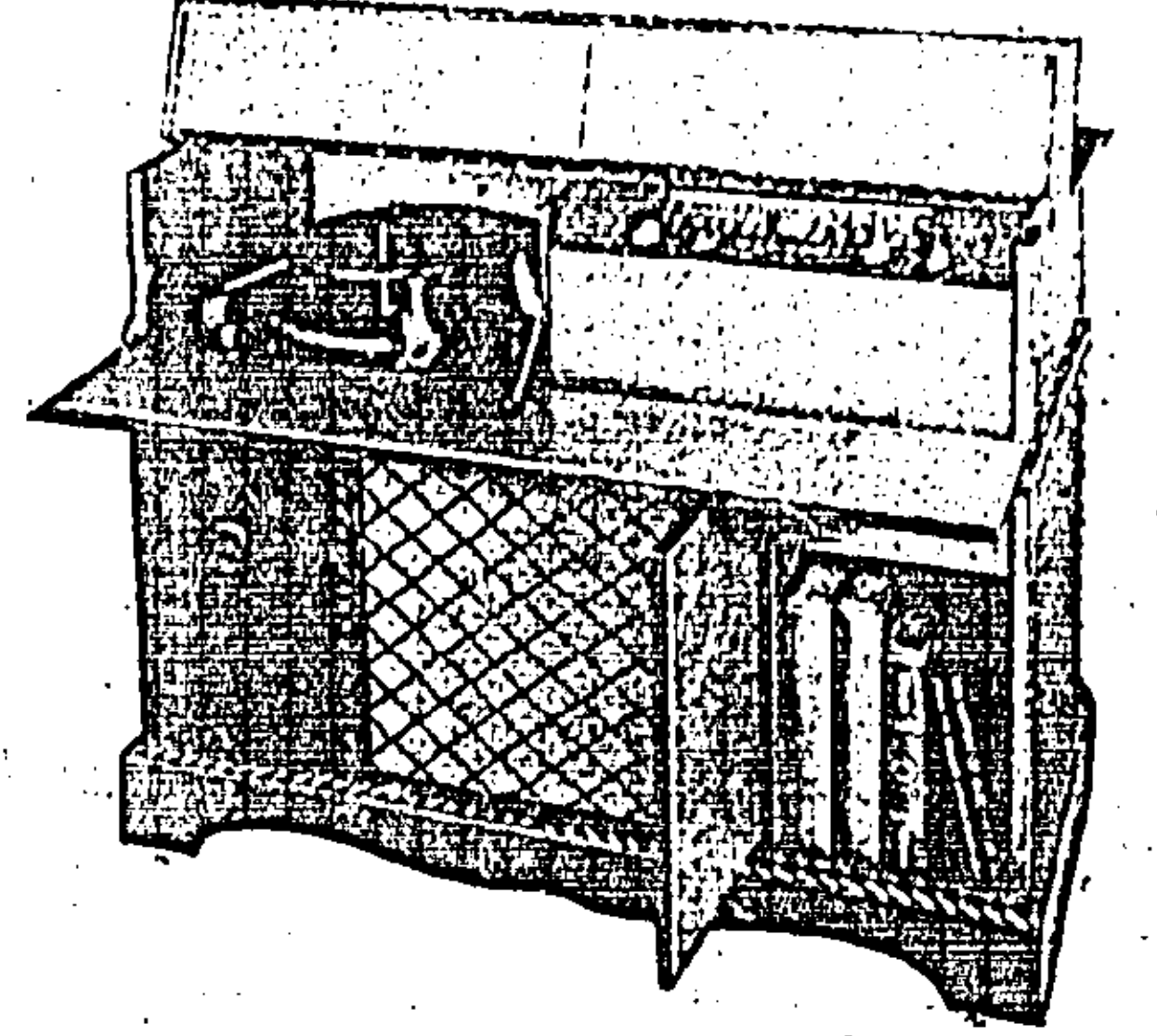
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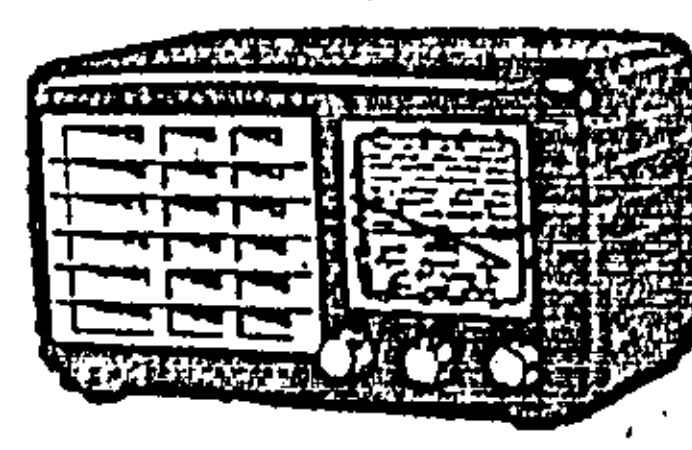
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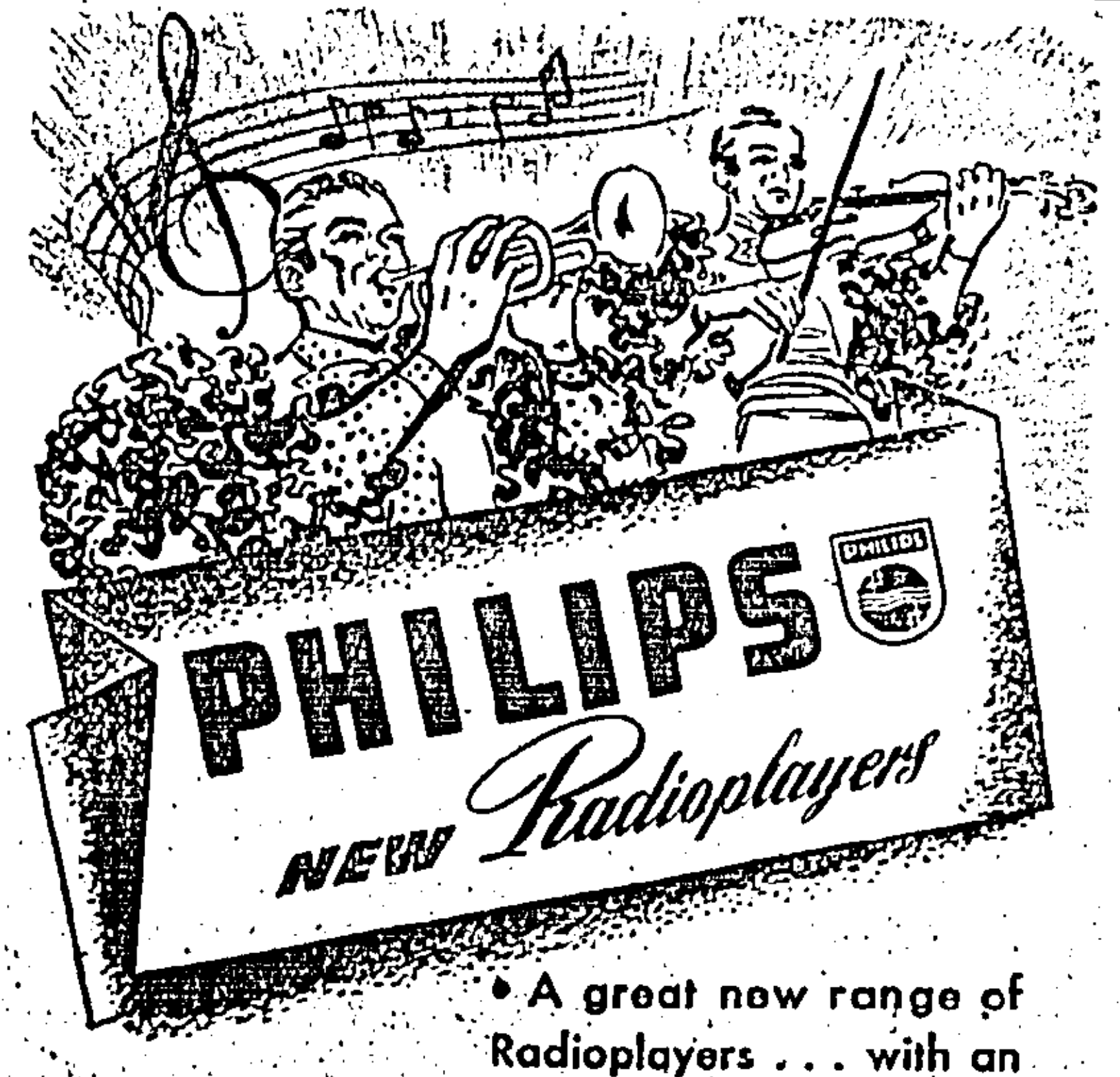
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

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1.20 p.m. THE NEWS
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1.00 p.m. MICHAEL KEMPIN'S SAXO-PHONY QUARTET
1.10 p.m. SUNDAY MORNING
1.20 p.m. THE NEWS
1.30 p.m. TOMMY HANDLEY IN "ITMA"
1.40 p.m. FORCE FAVOURITES
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Quick Guide: PALESTINE CRISIS:

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

It started like the Arabian Nights. Persians, Assyrians, Egyptians and Greeks and the tribes of Israel squabbled over Palestine.

For 1,000 years it went on, this rise and fall of kingdoms, until Antiochus led in an army from Syria to meet his invasion the Jewish Resistance was born—165 years before the birth of Christ.

The leader was Judas Maccabaeus ("The Hammer"), son of a priest. His guerrillas chopped up the isolated garrisons of Antiochus and carved out Jewish States all over the country. Their agents went to Rome and were helped to weaken Antiochus's army. The Romans were planning to take Palestine for themselves.

They did. In a solid wall of swords and shields the 10th Legion under Titus marched into Jerusalem and enslaved the Jews in thousands. The iron rule lasted almost 600 years—until the Roman Empire in the East cracked and into Palestine poured Arab armies whose descendants have clung to the rocky valleys since 630 A.D.

The Holy Wars

PEACE of a sort came with them. Christianity survived.

Turkey attacked in 1072, sacked Jerusalem and slaughtered the Christians in thousands. The Western world declared a holy war. The Crusades were on.

Ten times the people of Britain, France and Germany emptied their treasure chests to equip ships and armies. The Crusaders triumphed. Godfrey de Bouillon was crowned King of Jerusalem, and for 80 years the city kingdom survived in a welter of intrigue before it fell to the Turks again, in 1187.

Napoleon

SLAVES were whipped where once the Christians prayed. Harms flourished in the temples. Came the Mongolians, came Egyptians. But the Turks of Sultan Selim the Grim were holding Palestine in 1516. And their dominion went almost unchallenged until Napoleon invaded in 1798 and marched on Turkey itself.

The British Fleet intervened. Napoleon withdrew. The Turks stayed.

And then, as the Turkish Empire weakened, Palestine became the colony of Europe. Russian, French, even American traders poured in for 100 years.

German "tourists" followed quickly after a visit by Kaiser Wilhelm II. In 1898, their eyes on the beauties of the Holy Land, and on the oil of neighbouring Persia.

World War I

To the world went a call by Theodor Herzl, founder of the new Zionism: "Let there be a Jewish home in Palestine." But the world was not listening. The 1914 war was soon on.

By J. A. Atkinson

The Germans sent an army to reinforce the Turks in Palestine. Britain sent Allenby's army and the Anzacs. And Colonel T. E. Lawrence (of Arabia) worked quietly here and there.

The war thinned the Jews. It also built for them a sound British administration. But they wanted the country as well, and Arthur Balfour, British Foreign Secretary tried to meet their wishes.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

JEWISH AGENCY: A public body set up in terms of article 4 of the Mandate given to Great Britain by the League of Nations. Its functions include advising and co-operating with the Administration in Palestine on such economic, social and other matters as may affect the establishment of the Jewish National Home and the interests of the Jewish population in Palestine.

PALESTINE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE: A body of representative Arabs originally nominated by the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem to determine the policy of Palestinian Arabs and direct their political actions.

STERN GANG: A small extremist group believing in terrorism. Rejects all Jewish authorities. Named after their late leader, Abraham Stern.

IRGUN ZVAI LEUMI: Hebrew for "National Military Organisation." An extremist armed force rejecting the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Institutions in Palestine.

HAGANAH: The Hebrew word for "defence." The organisation of able-bodied men and women in Jewish Palestine formed to protect themselves against attack. A sort of militia.

PALETTE: A plan for dividing Palestine into Jewish and Arab independent States.

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."

Ruling under a mandate passed by the League of Nations, Britain tried to be fair to Arab and Jew alike.

The Arabs chafed. The Jews poured in—33,001 immigrants in 1925 alone. Tel-Aviv they made their show city. Haifa they industrialised.

In Jerusalem they built a university. And the Jewish Agency was established to develop the national home. The Arabs declared war. Support for the red-bearded Mufti of Jerusalem came from the entire Arab world.

Britain, trying to make peace, proposed separate Arab and Jewish States in 1936. Yes, said the Jews. No, said the Arabs, and fought on.

World War II

IN 1939 came the threat of world war. To placate the Arabs Britain restricted the sale of land to Jews and pegged their immigration at 75,000 for five years. A White Paper said a democratic Government would be formed later.

But the war swept the problem of Palestine aside... until last spring when an Anglo-American commission went to investigate and recommended that 100,000 Jews be allowed to enter at once. President Truman gave personal support to this recommendation.

The Morrison-Grady plan—subsequently evolved by another Anglo-American committee—suggested provincial autonomy for both Jews and Arabs with a central British administration with control over immigration and defence. Jews and Arabs rejected it.

Britain invited both sides to London to talk over the whole thing. The talks failed, and the matter is now to be referred to the United Nations.

FOOTNOTE: Palestine is slightly larger than Sicily, 10,429 square miles. Population, approximately 1,000,000 Arabs, 500,000 Jews and 120,000 of other races.

WORLD RADIO STATIONS

A new booklet, "Broadcasting Stations of the World," has been issued in Britain which will meet a long-felt want on the part of many radio listeners.

The publishers are Hulse and Sons, and in the introduction, the editor of "Wireless World" explains that post-war disorganisation of broadcasting has complicated the task of preparing this booklet, but that the information given has been compiled from the best available sources.

The list of long-wave and medium-wave stations does not necessarily conform to the Lucerne Plan in this booklet, but gives the frequencies at present employed by stations in the European Zone, which, for the purpose of frequency allocations, is bounded on the north and west by the natural limits of Europe, on the east by the meridian 10 degrees east and on the south by the parallel 30 degrees north.

In the case of the short-wave transmitters, the list includes both the frequencies at present employed by stations in the world, and to them although not necessarily in use at the time of the preparation of the data.

STARTS TO-DAY: NEW DAILY FEATURE

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A LETTER was recently published in a morning paper complaining that "The remarkable pygmy rhinoceros of Borneo is threatened with extinction."

I was once in Central Sarawak, the home of this important creature, as the guest of a man named, curiously enough, Bontofonto. There was nothing to do but shoot, so we made up a party to go after the pygmy rhinoceros. But, realising how near the species was to extinction, we took special care not to shoot to kill. We held our fire until we saw the yellow of its eyes, and aimed at the right ear, thus only slightly wounding our beast.

So near and yet safari

KEATING, the well-known small-game hunter, was of our party, and started a violent controversy. He claimed that the pygmy rhinoceros is by no means big game, but a member of our party said that he remembered a beetle, cockroach or other bug. As the pygmy rhinoceros is very short-sighted, we were able to approach it upwind, and come within sprinkling distance. But the powder had no effect beyond making it sneeze, and several of our party said they hadn't come all this way to hear a rhinoceros sneeze. I myself went on quietly shooting my beasts in the ear.

The pygmy cows of Papua

I REMEMBER that Bontofonto said, "If the pygmy rhinoceros is small game, then the giant beetle of Kashmir is big game, and fine fools we should look shooting beetles." The talk then turned to the tiny cows of Papua which the head-hunters milk into egg-cups. Most of the head-hunters are themselves pygmies, and can stand erect under the cow's belly when it rains, or when hiding from witch-doctors. Professor Huxley would probably deny the possibility of this, but I have seen it happen at Loanga.

In old Sarawak

THE natives of Sarawak make whaling-gloves out of the skin of the pygmy rhinoceros. The fetlocks are salted and rubbed with spices, and then eaten with gargar, which are large strips of tree-bark dipped in a solution of resin. With this they drink the hot milk of the Jemangs, a cross between a huge raven and a reindeer, found only up-country, near water-holes. I have seen a crocodile swallow a pygmy rhinoceros whole, and have done nothing whatever about it. And so we bid farewell to glamorous Borneo, pearl of the islands, while the sun sinks behind the loagoon, and the wurlitzer sprays a mist of thin, whining music over us all. So long, folks. I'll be seeing you.

ARE YOU GUILTY OF BABY TALK

People who say "ta ta" when they mean "good-bye" are addicts of hypocorism, better known as baby talk. The odd thing about baby talk is that it is usually an adult failing. Babies are taught it.

WOZZIT mummy's honey pumpkin? Does its ickle tootsy wootsy hurly wurty? Would-ums like go nice ta ta? Nursery expressions such as these are giving America the reputation of being one of the world's outstanding baby-talking nations.

A professor who had not left his speckled weekender at home had a good deal to say about baby talk in a lecture to the Modern Languages Association of America in Washington.

He was Dr. Allen Walker Read of Columbia University's Department of English, who denounced the insidious growth of sugary talk.

Exponents of baby talk, he said, were more often grown-ups than babies.

While he accused Britons of babying the King's English much more than Americans did, Dr. Read accused Americans of practising six

major forms of baby talk. Yet some of his best illustrations of these six forms came from overseas sources—even from the writings of George Bernard Shaw and Jonathan Swift.

Six Classifications

First, baby talk which the adults teach their children. Dr. Read quoted lexicographer Noah Webster on this subject. "Silly language called 'baby talk' into which most people are initiated in infancy often breaks out in discourse at the age of forty and makes a man appear very ridiculous. A boy of six may be taught to speak as correctly as Cicero did before the Roman Senate."

Secondly, baby talk which grown-ups use in conversation with their dogs and other pets. Dr. Read quoted from Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" where "Androcles says: 'Did you get an awful thorn in um's tootsums wootsums?'

Thirdly, the cloying words with which one lover talks to another.

Long-Range Strategic Reasons Caused Russia To Strip Manchuria

By WALTER C. RUNDLE
United Press Staff Correspondent

Soviet Russia's "long-range strategic" purposes, credited by U.S. Reparations Commissioner Edwin S. Pauley with motivating Russia's stripping of Manchurian industry, are considered by well-informed American and Chinese sources to have been largely achieved in the 18 months since Soviet troops entered Manchuria under provisions of the Yalta Agreement.

These quarters say subsequent developments have revealed that the "long range strategic reason," mentioned by Pauley were:

1.—Destruction of the industrial war potential built up by Japan during 10 years of occupation of Manchuria.

2.—Denial to China and any possible allies of the prospect of recreating that industrial war potential in the foreseeable future.

3.—Attainment of a position astride the Shanghai, Tokyo-Yokohama industrial line, from which could be observed any development considered menacing to Soviet interests.

4.—Removal to Central and Eastern Siberia of the industrial potential formerly centred in Manchuria and Japan.

All these long-range objectives, these sources contend, either have been attained or are in process of being attained.

The background for Russia's determination to break Manchuria's industrial back, they say, was Japan's achievement in developing in Japan and Manchuria, in the 10 years beginning 1931, an industrial base from which to wage war against the world.

Negate Base Japan and Manchuria by 1941 had grown to possess jointly 100

Dr. Read leaped upon the sweet nothing addressed by Jonathan Swift to his Stella and noted that Swift was addicted to "whisper dispers" at the very time, in 1712, when he was writing his "Proposal for Correcting, Improving and Ascertaining the English Tongue."

Children Exonerated

Fourthly, baby talk in advertising. Dr. Read quoted samples from patented radio advertising, including "Pitts Baby Shoppe," cereals called "Lishus" and "Bekus Puddy," and underwear called "Womies."

The other two classifications were the baby talk of adults used in a sneakingly spirit, and baby talk used for parental and marital effect. Dr. Read mentions Sinclair Lewis, Thornton Wilder, Dorothy Parker, Edna Ferber, Booth Tarkington and D. H. Lawrence as baby-talk writers.

He emphasised that children comprise the only population group not guilty of baby talk unless it is slipped into them. He made it clear that a child would learn the purest English if it were delivered to him straight.

percent of the industrial potential of the Far East, with Manchuria dominating the overall picture, because of her tremendous natural resources.

Russia, these quarters said, has not forgotten that some Japanese leaders wanted to use this potential first for an attack against Russia, rather than against the United States. Therefore, in Russian eyes, they believe it became of paramount importance to negate Manchuria as an industrial base.

Soviet suspicion of United States motives and American co-operation with China, these sources believe, heightened Moscow's resolve. The Soviets, they say, would consider an industrialised Manchuria a "dagger" pointed at Russia.

The gutting of Manchurian industry, which Pauley's conservative estimate placed at US\$2,000,000,000, frustrated any attempt by the United States to help China build a huge industrial potential there.

Russia has long sought a warm-water port, and her attainment at Yalta of access to Dairen, and recognition of her joint interest with China in operation of the Chinese Eastern and South Manchurian Railways, gave her the desired position astride the Shanghai, Tokyo, Yokohama industrial line. How extensive her operations in Manchuria eventually may be has not been determined, these sources say, because her apparent interpretation of joint management of the railways extends to numerous spur lines and subsidiary industries which Japan built along the rail-lines.

Russia is known to have engaged during the war and since in a feverish programme of building a vast industry in Siberia, centring in the Irkutsk, Chita and Khabarovsk areas.

Siberian Developments

To-day, well-informed quarters estimate that 95 percent of the industrial potential of the Far East centres in Russia's new Siberian developments. This, they stress, does not mean that Russia has as yet achieved in these areas 95 percent of the present productive capacity of Japan and Manchuria. But 95 percent of Asia's present industrial capacity is centred there.

American strategic bombing of Japan the reparations programme which will further reduce Japan's industry, and the Soviet gutting of Manchuria combined to achieve this shift in the industrial balance to Siberia.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE





Winston Churchill as he looked when he was the 25-year-old correspondent for the London Morning Post during the Boer War, 1899.

WINSTON CHURCHILL is 72, and whichever side of the fence you are you have to admit that he's a pretty remarkable man for his age. In fact, when you consider that he does nearly all the things our mothers told us not to do it's an astonishing thing that he's alive at all.

He smokes all day, he drinks alcoholic beverages, he stays up half the night, and four times he's been out with a cold and had pneumonia. It is not as if he had taken up this sort of thing just lately. He's been doing it for 72 years. He was even born prematurely.

At eight he had to take him away from school and put him under a doctor because his continual defiance of authority was undermining his health.

At nine he got his first dose of pneumonia (double). At 18 he fell 30 feet from a tree and was unconscious for three days.

At 20 he joined the Army, and because there didn't happen to be a war on anywhere in the Empire at that time he got himself attached to the Spanish Army and fought against rebels in Cuba.

POLAND NOW A PREFAB STATE

OUTWARDLY there is no change. Warsaw looks the same as any morning before the election.

Apple-cheeked peasant women in woolen head-shawls still stand squarely at the corner of Poznańska-street, wicker baskets at their feet brimming with bread, pretzels, eggs, butter, and chickens, they have come to sell.

The Hotel Polonia remains gay with the flags of the disunited nations who have set up temporary embassies in its bedrooms and bathrooms.

By SEFTON DELMER

But there is a change. And it is a change which may make Sunday, January 19, as important a date in Polish history as 1795, when Poland was wiped off the map and shared out among Prussia, Russia and Austria.

That change is symbolised by the packing cases and trunks littering the third floor of No. 14, Suchbátka-street.

Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, leader of the Polish Peasant Party, the oldest democratic party in Poland, is moving out from the five-roomed flat which he occupied as Minister of Agriculture in the Communist-dominated provisional Government.

And with him moves out the last shred of confidence in the hearts of many millions of Poles that they will ever be allowed to have a Government which is representative of the Polish people.

MIKOLAJCZYK's party, which was a thorn in the side of the totalitarian Pilsudski regime, against which Mikolajczyk himself led the peasants' strike in 1937, will not be a thorn in the side of the new totalitarian regime.

The election carried out with an efficient and thorough combination of intimidation and fraud, has achieved the liquidation of the Polish Peasant Party. All that now remains is the handful of Mikolajczyk M.P.s entering the new Parliament by the side of a 99 per cent. Government bloc majority.

What's the secret of his success? It's Not Just Thyroxin

IT'S FUN FINDING OUT

By BERNARD WICKSTEED

When he was 21 he went to India and was in such a hurry to get foot in Asia that he turned off the boat before it was properly tied up and dislocated his shoulder.

It was too peaceful where he was stationed, so he wangled his way to the N.W. Frontier, had a scrap with some tribesmen and wrote a book about it.

Then the war in the Sudan began, and, of course, he wanted to be in that. Kitchener didn't want him at any price. He didn't like subalterns who wrote books about their senior officers.

But needless to say Churchill went to the Sudan, joined a cavalry charge at Omdurman, and wrote his book—two volumes of it.

And all this time the doctors were telling him he was in a delicate state of health and really shouldn't do these things.

When the Boer War came along he left the Army, so he went out as a newspaper correspondent—and got himself captured. He escaped by hiding in a coal mine for three days, and the Boers offered £25 for him, dead or alive. Values have gone up since then.

When airplanes were invented Mr Churchill had to learn flying. Even now he can't go into a plane without wanting to pilot the thing, to the frequent embarrassment of the crew.

They needn't worry. If he spun into the deck from 30,000ft. he'd only break a leg, that man.

When he was Home Secretary some gangsters barricaded themselves in a house. It wasn't enough to surround it with police. Mr Churchill called out the Guards and bombarded the place.

Even when he does such a simple thing as going to the Zoo he can't wait round quietly, looking at the animals. He has to feed the lions and hear them growl.

How is it done?

WHAT on earth makes a man carry on like this? Where does he get the energy? And why aren't you and I the same?

Hereditarily has something to do with it, of course. Mr Churchill's father, as opposed to his American mother, the thing they met, which was considered quite enterprising for the son of a duke in those days.

Mr Churchill is also said to have once hired a waiter to listen to the end of a club bore's story, which was entertaining for anybody at any time. But the father hadn't got the stamina, the gift or the persistence of the son. He died at the age of 46 after ruining a promising political career by resigning from the Government once too often.

Mikolajczyk himself is to be arrested sooner or later on a charge of collaboration with the underground, or for treasonable communication with foreign Powers. Anyhow that is what he expects himself. But whatever happens, it is equally certain that the opposition of the Polish people to the Communist regime will continue.

However efficient the Communists may be as administrators—and I myself am much impressed by their achievements—they are resented to almost a pathological degree by the Poles who regard them as Russians. The Poles refuse to forgive the Communists what they call the betrayal of 1939, when Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia divided Poland between them.

They cannot forget that the men ruling in Warsaw to-day in 1939 obediently applauded Stalin's speech proclaiming that Poland had ceased to exist.

Some experts believe that the rank and file of the Socialist Party, who are anti-Communist as the rest of the country, will force a show-down and Poland will have another election, this time with Communists and Socialists as rivals.

I cannot see it happening. On the contrary, now that Mikolajczyk has gone—and Socialist help is no longer as essential to the Communists as it was before—I expect to see Communist police chief Radkiewicz set about reducing the Socialists to complete impotence and obedience.

My hunch is that active opposition will be the affair mainly of the peasants, traditional "experts" in passive resistance.

The first trial—unlikely, I believe, to cause a big flare-up—will come, shortly, when the Government attempts to collect about £45,000,000 now due from the peasants for ground tax, interest on loans, seed deliveries, insurance and the price of land.

I BELIEVE, on the whole Poland will remain sullen and smouldering while the Communists methodically carry through social and economic reorganisation, reducing it to the set pattern of Russia's European satellite States.

The Communists will have an uneasy time of it, to be sure, for the Poles are too individualistic as a nation to accept a pre-fab State, especially if the pre-fab comes from abroad.

When our Mr Churchill no longer agreed with his leaders he changed his party—twice.

People who know Churchill well say that he owes a lot to his American grandfather, Colonel Jerome. At the age of 70-something this old fellow went to the circus and got so annoyed at the boasting of the professional strong man that he accepted a challenge to wrestle.

The colonel threw this man all right, but strained his insides doing it and subsequently died of the effects. It was a very fine gesture for an old man to make, but if his grandson found himself in the same position to-day you'd expect him to take on the circus elephant and the lions as well.

And you'd know in advance that it wouldn't be fatal.

Pills won't do

SO clearly it takes more than just heredity to make a man like Mr Churchill. The scientists say that it's something to do with the thyroid glands in your neck.

They pump stuff into the blood called thyroxin, and this controls the rate at which people live.

Say, for instance, that your glands pump out too much thyroxin; you become pop-eyed and can't sit still. You have to be doing something all the time.

If they pump out too little you get into a condition with which I am more familiar. You have no inclination to work.

Mr Churchill isn't pop-eyed, but there are clear indications that he has active thyroid glands, says my pet scientist.

Julius Caesar and Napoleon were the same. Their blood was so full of thyroxin that they felt an irresistible urge to fight in places like Egypt, Italy, and the neighbourhood of the English Channel.

"Winnie," architect of victory in World War II, in his "finest hour."



WILLIAM HICKEY WAITING FOR MONEY

DESPITE foreign-sounding names, staff of London's luxury hotels is largely British by birth. Grosvenor House is nearest 100 per cent.; even pre-war the Savoy group—now hit by strikes—employed more than 80 per cent. British born.

Wages in most hotel grades have increased appreciably during the war, fewest rises have gone to white-collared office-clerks who are not striking.

Waiters used to get on an average £4 10s. to £5 15s. are now around £10, and the cook, have gone up similarly from £3 and £4 to about £10; rarely get tips. Both get meals.

Tips go to waiters, maids, valets and uniformed staff, are usually pooled and shared. Where addition to bill is made in lieu, management distributes proportionately.

FATTEST personal tips go to head porter, who gets small—est salary, if any at all, sometimes pays hotel to have job. He does not share in pool, makes around £2,000 a year, often more.

You can inject a thyroid extract into people or give it them in pills, but that doesn't make them into Casars or Churchills. If you give them enough to make much difference to their speed of living it strains their hearts.

So put aside any thoughts of making yourself a Prime Minister with pills.

How else then? By working hard at school? You'll be happy to hear that this is not necessary. Mr Churchill failed twice in his entrance exam for Sandhurst.

By making yourself a connoisseur of cigars? I have it from a V.I.P. that in spite of his own convictions Mr Churchill is not a connoisseur.

By acquiring a capacity for consuming alcohol? Wrong again. My spies tell me that it takes Mr Churchill an hour and a half to drink one whisky and soda.

By listening to dubious stories? No, sir. Mr Churchill doesn't like them. There are people who have told him one but they haven't tried it again.

By climbing to fame over the bodies of your friends? That least of all, for Mr Churchill never forgets his friends.

No, there's something more to it than all this, something more than thyroxin and heredity, and if you ask me what it is I'd say after my investigations this week that it's an infinite capacity for rising to the occasion.

Exploits

WHEN there's a war on somewhere he fights; when trench warfare bogs the nations down he forms a committee which invents the tank; when the enemy reaches our doorstep he calls it "Our Finest Hour" and rallies the nation.

When he falls out of a tree (1893), off a camel (1921), off a pole pony (1922) or into a lake while chasing a goose (1928), he survives, and that is a very high form of rising to the occasion.

He did more than survive when he fell off the pony. He claimed £2 a week for six weeks from the Daily Express under the free insurance scheme which the paper was running then.

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TEST FOR UNITED NATIONS

By "CANDIDUS"

IF the United Nations Organisation is to inspire respect, it has its first opportunity in the Palestine problem. Whatever action it takes will bring repercussions among extremist Jewish factions throughout the world, but unless it compels obedience to its authority it may well go the way of the League of Nations.

Great Britain has endeavoured to mediate and in doing so has lost lives and prestige. Although she cannot be blamed for failing to discover a solution, she does appear to have permitted the impasse to drag on far too long.

Almost daily for many months, there have been reports of outrages which have strained all patience to the breaking point, and there must be general satisfaction that the British Government is at last conscious of the reality.

Only recently, a news report stated that the Hagannah, "most moderate of the three Jewish underground groups," had announced that it was responsible for the blowing up of police launches in Haifa harbour. "Our frogmen," stated the Hagannah, "at great risk of their lives, completed the operation successfully."

A more disturbing report followed shortly after when the London Daily Telegraph stated that the Zionist organisation was believed to be busy completing plans to send an armada of American-manufactured ships to France, Italy and Greece to pick up Jewish immigrants and transport them to the Holy Land. It is difficult to believe that the United States would condone an action calculated to add fuel to the fire, thus adding to the problem and undoubtedly leading to the loss of many more lives.

As I remarked some time ago, Jews have lost whatever sympathy they may have aroused over the last quarter of a century, and it is now a matter for serious thought whether they should be encouraged to create an independent state. The only sensible solution I can see is for every nation in the world to receive a quota of homeless and worthy Jews, grant them nationalisation and privileges, and outlaw all those fiery fanatics who, by their actions, have threatened desired international peace and concord.

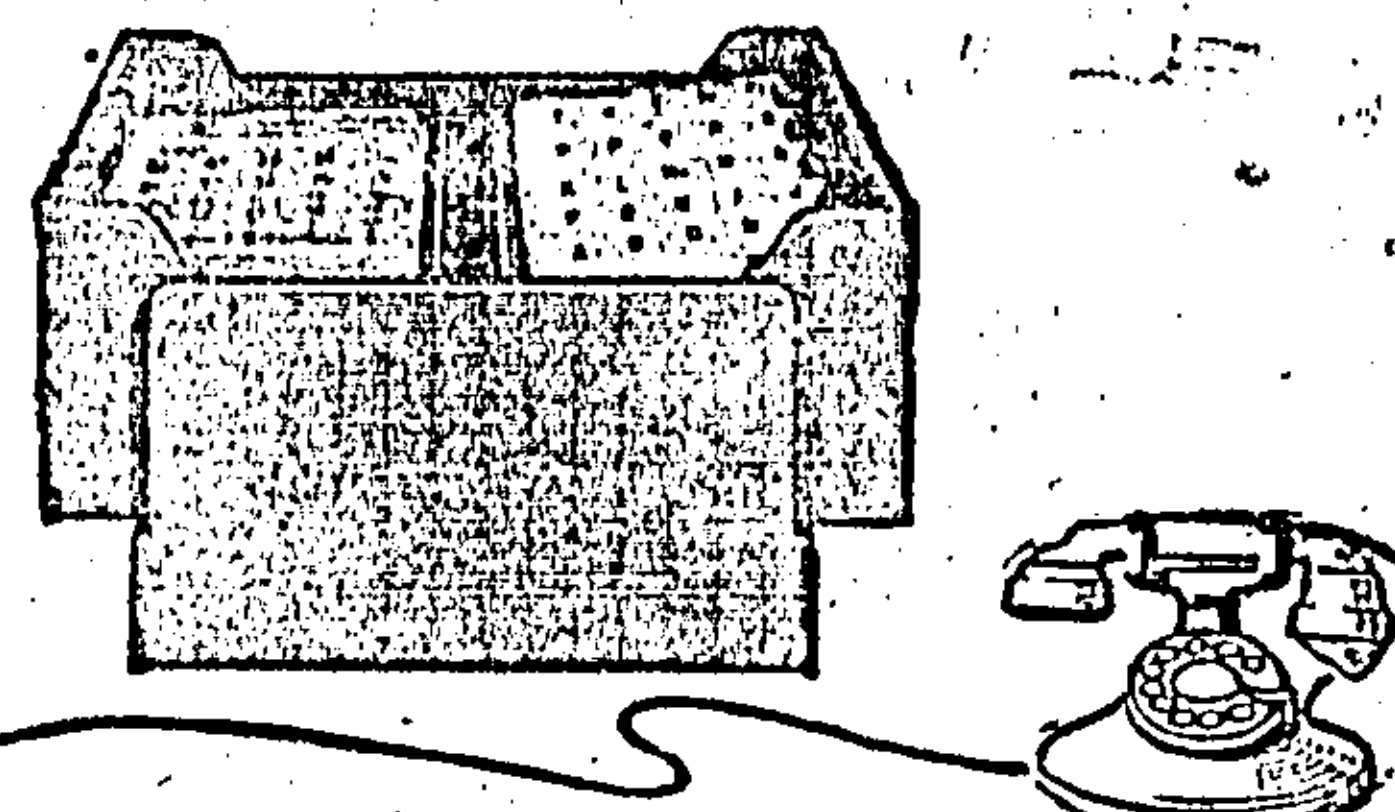
THE other sore spot in international affairs is the sorry plight of our great neighbour—China. Dr Wellington Koo, in appealing for aid, appears to be totally unaware of the many restrictions which have been placed against those who have given generous aid in the past, and who will be only too willing to continue rendering assistance conditionally upon friendly reciprocity in return.

"Like other nations," said Dr Koo, "China received financial aid from the United States since the end of the war, but the amount was limited. Apart from the aid given by UNRRA, she received about \$13,000,000, compared with \$4,400,000,000 for Great Britain."

It is surprising that the tone should be one of complaint, and more surprising that China's Ambassador should forget that if he must make a comparison between Great Britain and China, he should first of all compare the respective war efforts and commitments.

I must be forgiven for quoting the old but wise adage, "God helps those who help themselves." As soon as China shows that she is determined to help herself, and thus restore shattered confidence, the sooner will her friends come to her aid.

It is a bitter comment that other nations should be turning their thoughts to a resumption of trade with Japan—China's greatest enemy. It is also a sad thought that China has not yet set her house in order and commenced to enjoy the fruits of international goodwill and co-operation. China's ills can be cured, but she must be willing to recognise the symptoms and must determine to rid herself once and for all of ills which she need not tolerate.



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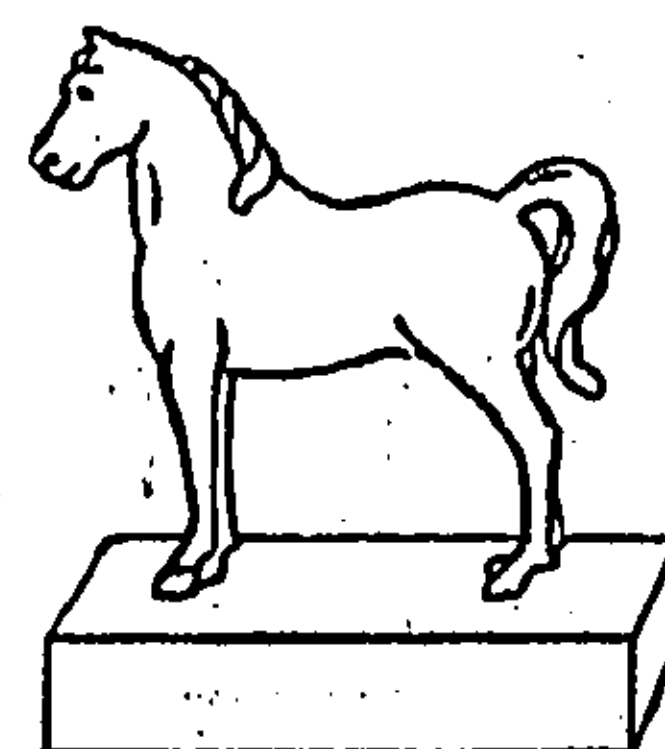
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AFTERMATH OF BIKINI

VETERAN SENT TO HOSPITAL

Louisville, Kentucky, Feb. 19. William Miller, World War II veteran who participated in the Bikini atom bomb tests, has been admitted to the Army's Nichols General Hospital for observation after exposure to atomic radiation.

tion, hospital authorities, said to-day.

Dr. Metheny, clinical director, said he had no statement to make other than that Miller was under observation. He said the ailments of which the veteran complained "could or could not be from atomic radiation."

Miller said he had tiny blisters covering both legs to the knee, a rash, heat flashes and impaired eyesight. Miller witnessed the atomic bomb blast from a distance of 10 miles, then landed on Bikini a few hours later. He said the commanding officer told crewmen not to stay more than six hours, but his work necessitated his staying several hours longer than that—United Press.

SPORTS FEATURES

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Shield Semi-Finals This Week-End

(BY SEE TEE)

There is magic in the last rounds of any knock-out competition and the Senior and Junior Shield Semi-finals, which are to be played this week-end, are one and all very attractive draws. Most speculative of these games, however, is the meeting of Sing Tao and 45 Commando at Caroline Hill this afternoon—a Senior Shield Semi-final.



"That's what comes of running about with your mouth open."

Sing Tao and 45 Commando last met on 9th November. On that occasion 45 Commando lost an unbeaten record in very decisive fashion. Sing Tao carried an interval 1-0 lead to a clear cut 5-0 victory.

To-morrow's other Senior Shield Semi-final is between South China and Kwong Wah. In their last meeting in January South China won 5-1. Since that match Kwong Wah have much improved and another very close struggle is in prospect here.

When "45" fell to Sing Tao in early November they were right on the crest of a wave. They have continued much in the winning way since and, in more recent weeks, have much strengthened their eleven.

TEAMS MAKE CHANGES

There will be changes in both sides from the last encounter. Gold-thorpe, who played at outside left was then partnered by that now regular wing half, Lumble. No matter who takes Burnage's place at pivot he is certain to be fully extended by Chang Kam-hoi. Chang scored two of Sing Tao's goals, Lai Shui-wing (2) and Fung King-cheung got the others.

Sing Tao, enjoying the advantage of having kept their side together with but few changes in recent weeks—in the all-important half back line they will most probably be served by that immitable trio, Lau, Fat and Fung—are sure to take the field full of confidence. The Commandos, who may be further strengthened with new blood, are equally sanguine of success. A really splendid match is in prospect.

Prior to this game the Navy's Second string met Sing Tao's Seconds in a Junior Shield Semi-final. In many ways this meeting is as pregnant with possibilities as the senior tie. Sing Tao's junior XI are one of the best in their class in local football. The Navy's second division team has a record of quiet consistency which commands itself well. It contains one or two stalwarts, among whom Crumney (left back) is among the Colony's best defenders. Sing Tao will have to go all-out for every moment of ninety minutes (and maybe longer) if they are to pass on to the junior final.

VITAL 15 MINUTES

Much will depend on what happens in the first fifteen minutes of to-morrow's semi-final meeting of South China and Kwong Wah. South China have lost very few games this season but there have been occasions when their slowness in settling down has given their opponents opportunities which never re-occur once the team gets into its stride. Kwong Wah are opportunists if nothing else. My memory of their 1-5 defeat by South China is chiefly of their many quick thrusts at goal most of which failed only through lack of drive. This shortcoming has been remedied in part and although South China may enjoy territorial supremacy to-morrow they may not get all the goals necessary to carry them to the final.

SPORT GOOD FOR THE WORLD

Himself an Olympic runner, Lord Burghley, who heads the committee organising the 1948 Olympic Games in Britain, has been stressing the part sport can play in encouraging friendship among people. Lord Burghley, who won the British University hurdles championship for 120 yards and 220 yards in three successive years, was Olympic champion for the 400 metres hurdle event in 1928, and has held eight British championships. Speaking in London, he described sport as "one of the great common denominators of all the peoples of the world."

CLUB'S CENTENARY

A big yachting event in Britain will be the centenary of the Royal Yacht Club this year. This will be celebrated throughout the summer with racing almost every other week-end in Bridlington Bay. There will be a long-distance ocean race starting on June 27 and a six-day regatta, opening on August 17.

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Shield Semi-Finals
SENIOR DIVISION
Caroline Hill.—Sing Tao v. 45 RM Cdo, 4 p.m.
JUNIOR DIVISION
Caroline Hill.—Sing Tao v. Navy, 2.15 p.m.

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Military "H".—Kit Che v. 27 Field Regt. RA, 4 p.m.

RUGBY

Club.—Seven-A-Side Competition, 2.30 p.m.

CRICKET

HKCC.—HKCC v. KCC, 2 p.m.

Navy.—Navy v. Club de Recreio, 2 p.m.

KCC.—KCC v. HQ Land Forces, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

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JUNIOR DIVISION
Club.—South China v. Police, 2.15 p.m.

CRICKET

HKCC.—HKCC v. KCC, 11 a.m.

LAWN BOWLS

KBGC.—KBGC v. Kowloon Dock, 3 p.m.

FASTBALL

Recreio.—Saints v. Baseballers; Recreio v. Rovers.

Cardiff Booked For Promotion

BY ARCHIE QUICK

South Wales awards the great change over. Cardiff City are apparently booked for Division Two and Newport County seemingly doomed to Division Three.

All that remains in the balance to make the change over complete is Swansea Town's struggle to avoid relegation with Newport. And from what I saw of them against Spurs they are in for a grim fight.

Yes, Swansea can easily go the way of luckless Newport.

I travelled back from Tottenham with Chelsea's captain, Scottish International John Harris whose father Neil used to manage Swansea. He agreed with me that Swansea's defence is hopeless. One all down at half time they took hardworking left half Burns out of defence to strengthen attack and result was Ronnie Dix and Bennett found great holes in the Welsh defence. They had no set plan and would have lost by a heap of goals if Spurs finishing had not been so poor.

Swansea upset their supporters when they let Trevor Ford go to Aston Villa, but to their credit it must be said that they have bought heavily in Ireland, Burns, Lockhart, etc and would willingly get rid of some of the Ford transfer money if they could get another Irishman centre forward.

And talking of Wales I hear a rumour that Eugene Taffy O'Callaghan, Welsh International, inside forward now with Fulham has taken an overseas appointment as a coach. He has done grand work among Fulham reserves and will be remembered as the former Spur.

FASTBALL NOTES

Last Week's Games Provided Quite A Mixture

(BY "SPECTATOR")

The Giants, by defeating Canadian Chinese in the last week-end, have become virtual champions of the League. St Joseph's are assured of at least the runners-up position in accounting for Club de Recreio.

The two exhibition games in which teams from U.S.S. Estes were to take part turned out to be a disappointment. Owing to a misunderstanding their match against a All-Hongkong side did not materialise, the two sides appearing at different times; whilst against a representative Portuguese squad, the encounter was ended abruptly at the end of the sixth frame. The sailor boys had a heated gabfest amongst themselves which prompted chief umpire Prexy Molthen to call the game off there and then. The game was forfeited to the local team, who were leading by six runs to four.

A "screamingly" enjoyable affair was the first ladies' tilt played this season—between the Blackhaws and the "Pin Up Girls". The latter had the better of this "comedy of errors."

The Giants have only two more games to play to complete their fixtures—against the Rees and Baseball Club. Unless they lose to both, which is highly improbable, the honours are as good as theirs. Their nearest rivals, St Joseph's, are two games behind.

STRIKE BEST FORM

The Canadian Chinese had their best line-up so far out against the potential champions, but found the Giants in their supreme form, in spite of "casualties." First, manager Charlie Figueroa, catching, split a finger and had to retire. Then all-rounder Junior Markar deputised and was doing remarkably well when a foul tip gave him a shiner. He was obliged to retire too to a less "dangerous" position. Livewire Robert Remedios came on and "survived in one piece" through the rest of the game. Glad to see you playing again, Robert, and a good game at that!

Giant attackers came into the limelight at last and starry Canuck pitcher Herbie Quon's deliveries for once were knocked about mercilessly—no less than seven clean bingles being slashed out. "Big Boy" Baker, Samany Giant twirler Leo Tavares played heady ball in all quarters. The winners had their own way for six frames, leading by five runs to nought at the last of the last stanza of the game. A whitewashing of the Canucks was saved by the masterpiece of a slam for a fourmaster by Heungnam Bill Woo. Two down, two men were on base and Bill's homer resulted in the three runs, scored by the losers—against the Giants' five.

RECS WHITEWASHED

In real sporting spirit the St. Josephians turned out in force despite apparent disappearing chances of winning the flag. And they played a classy kind of ball to wipe the Rees out six runs to nil. It's a pity that these peppery ball-playing Saints return to such totem form when it's too late for the pennant chasing.

The gobs from the Estes played aggressively in the exhibition against the Portuguese contingent but found them a hard nut to crack. Some useful lessons could be had from a few individual displays but as a combination the local boys were superior. Estes' Big Chief Corrieri, Sorg, Skarga and Murray demanded attention, while Tony Alves, Jack Brown, Chuck Quinn and Joe France contributed much towards the Portuguese victory. Doc Molthen wisely ended an exhibition which must be put down as a failure. Let's hope for better luck next time!

HITS AND ERRORS GAME

Surefire ball playing was amusing in the girls' fracas. The "show" proceeded merrily along with scorer Eddie Marques having a terrible time trying to mark hits and errors correctly—there were such a lot of them! Was that error, or was it a bingle? Ask me another! Eddie can't tell you either—so there! However, "old timers" and coming stars were on view and what was missing in current form was made up in a way by unquestionable keenness and "personality" displays.

Of the "established" brigade, "Sweet as Apple Cider" Alda Castro, "Cinderella" Lella Xavier and "Ho Hum" Hilda Soares of the Blackhaws and "Big Chief Wah" Terry Noronha, "Salor" Motta and Celeste Marques (Mrs Azedo to you!) of the Pin Up Girls, all showed they know their stuff, if they were somewhat rusty.

Of the "junior misses" who impressed were "Sweet 14" Sheila Sequeira, Inez Soares, "Baby" Rita Marques, Thelma Marques and Theres Remedios.

By the way, the Pin Up Girls won by nine runs to eight. They were

You Can Watch Snooker Now With All The Trimmings

BY ARCHIE QUICK

When snooker stepped up into the luxury entertainment class last year upon the occasion of the world championship final between Joe Davis and Horace Lindrum the firm of manufacturers who put the show on with all its elaborate atmosphere and floral trimmings told me that they intended to continue the idea in 1947.

I understand now that even a bigger hall than the Royal Horticultural at Westminster, last year's venue, is to be engaged when in a month or so two finalists fight out the right to succeed retired Joe Davis as champion.

It is planned to seat 2,000 twice daily for a fortnight, with Joyce Gardner again compere. In a hall where everyone will be able to see and sit comfortably in plush chairs surrounded with bunting and flowers.

Snooker has indeed come a long way since its pub and sawdust days. This was emphasised too recently when Davis and Lindrum broke new ground by appearing in a five frames exhibition at a famous West End dance club. The glare of the white shirt fronts could easily have dazzled the players. The game was played on a table set up in the centre of the dance floor while diners all around ate their meals.

Meanwhile, up in Blackpool, Joe's brother the bespectacled Fred was creating a first class sensation by swamping New Zealand's Clark Miconachy out of a championship. It was expected the Colonial would come close to winning. Fred won the first dozen frames in a row.

What a disappointment this must be to Clark, who first of all travelled across the world to challenge Joe Davis only to find that the champion had retired. Now comes this decisive and totally unexpected defeat in the first round.

On this form it looks as though Horace Lindrum is going to have the greatest difficulty in keeping Fred away from brother Joe's 20-year-old crown. Joe told me he confidently expected Fred to win. And he should know after his almost continuous opposition of Horace in exhibitions this season. Personally I fancy the Australian.

The only other danger, as I see it, is Sidney Smith who wants to rigged.

America's 1952 Olympic Quest

An effort to stage the 1952 Olympic Games to the United States was started recently in Congress when Representative Youngblood, Michigan Republican, introduced a resolution to extend a formal invitation to the International Olympic Committee which will meet in Stockholm in mid-June.

The United States Olympic Committee already has decided to ask for the 1952 meet to be held in America, said Youngblood in making Congress to join in the invitation.

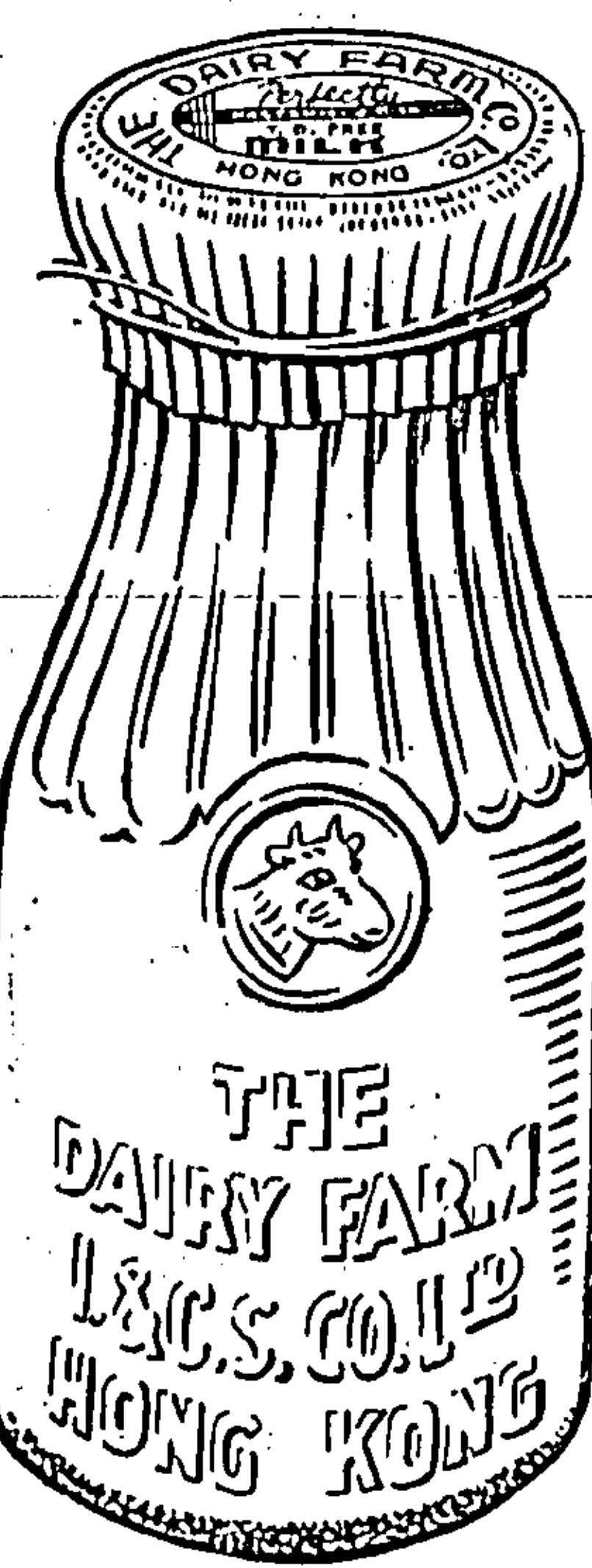
Among cities, he said, which are seeking to be the centre of the meet are Detroit, Michigan, Los Angeles, California, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The 1948 Olympic Games will be held in London.—Associated Press.

Olympic Yachting At Torbay

For the yachting contents of the Olympic Games, one of the most lovely bays in England has been selected. There will be five classes competing for Olympic honours and they will race at Torbay, within sight of Torquay, the famous Devonshire resort. This venue was chosen by the Yacht Racing Association because conditions there give the minimum advantage to yachtsmen with local knowledge. There is no tide, winds are mostly from the south-west and there is clear, open water. The classes are: six metres class; Dragon class; Nation 200 sq. ft. keel boat one-design class; Star class; and the National 12 ft. one-design Firefly class, to be sloop rigged.

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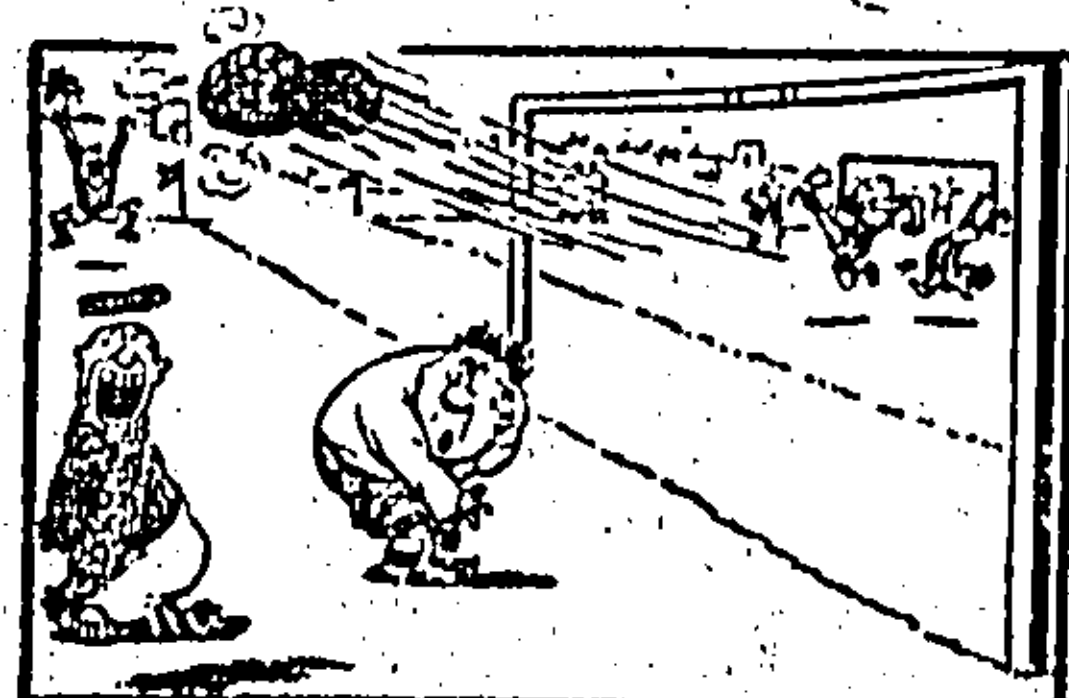
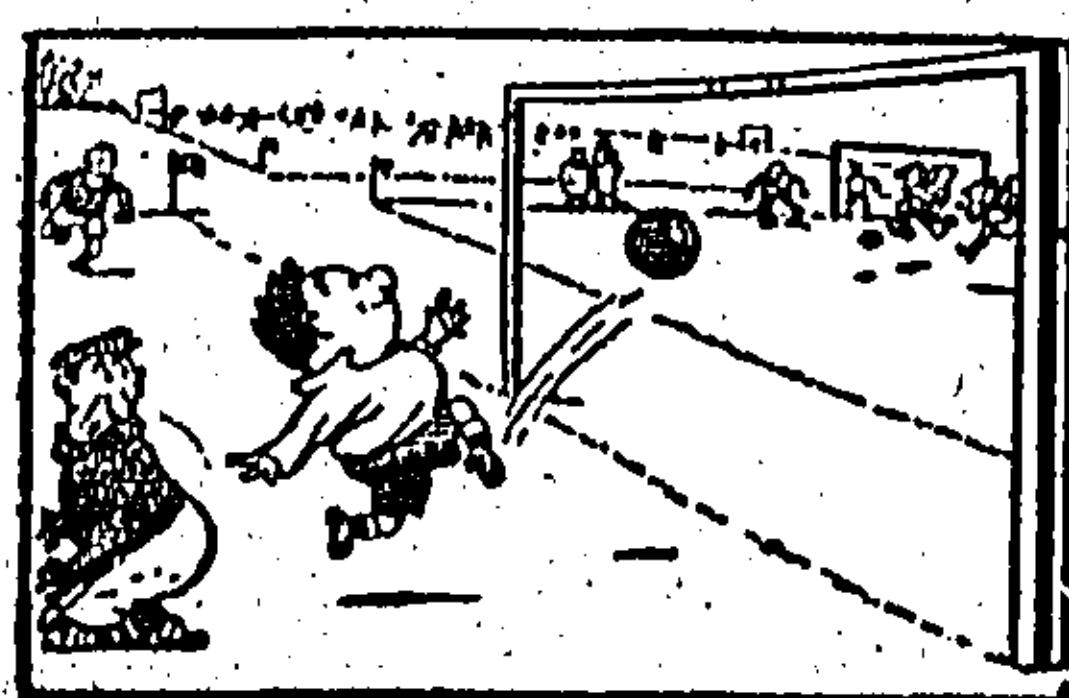
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It sounds to me as if you are irritating your skin by using astringent just after soap and water. The circulation is stimulated by the washing, so you must use a different plan. If you are sure that soap and water agree with your skin, use them, but apply a bland, soothing cream afterwards. Then use astringent about an hour after removing any residue of cream. Or change to cleansing cream and astringent and then apply a little of your bland cream. I think the soap and water are irritating to your skin.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Tulip is the current silhouette

THIS "tulip" dress—so called because the skirt folds and falls like the petals of a tulip—is the current beloved silhouette of Victor Stiebel, a designer at Jacquemar.

In a geranium-red wool, the bodice is draped and caught to one side at the waist; the skirt dips at the back and is two inches longer than the front.

But do not be misled by its apparently effortless simplicity. Stiebel says: "I like complicated dresses that look so simple—the tulip silhouette is extremely intricate, and calls for the highest standard of workmanship."

VICTOR Stiebel designs day and evening clothes, prefers making slim characteristic dinner gowns, complicated in cut, in subtle (preferably pale) shades—cinder blue, tobacco brown, and the leing sugar shades of pink, mauve, blue, green.

Of his present collection, his favorites are: (1) chalk-white crepe dinner dress, hobbie-tight, the bodice pailletted with jet and (2) a yellow crepe tulip dress, ivy leaves trailing across the bodice.

Discussing fashion trends, he says: "The present ultra-feminine vogue—the elaborately draped hobbies,



opulence and bits of nonsense—will serve as a blue-print for future

fashions, which will be practical versions of to-day's complicated shapes.

"I think the future will see a definite accent on femininity." He declares, however, that changes of fashion do not depend on designers. "Fashion is how a woman feels she would like to look; we, the interpreters, have to keep a few steps ahead of women and therefore, it is woman herself who leads the designer."

IN 1937 Victor Stiebel's production rate was about 400 model dress designs per year. Now, owing to shortages, he produces only about 100 in two annual collections.

Haute couture prices in general, he says, are as high as they have been since the postwar 1920s, and with present labour shortages in the clothing trade—that is, unless youngsters again decide to apprentice themselves to the trade—look like remaining at present levels.

Thirty-nine-year-old Victor Stiebel is unmarried, uphane, dislikes women in trousers, especially in the twin evils of high heels and slacks.

—PATRICIA LENNARD

I Live In A Box

—By QUIZ—

AFTER the cramped quarters of a ship's bunk, the idea of a room to myself had become almost an obsession. But when I was pointed out the ration of living space allotted me in the hotel, my dream of being able to stretch still mind and limbs became an almost unobtainable luxury.

The room was dimly lit by very low powered electric bulbs, and I could just discern my bed in the corner. And I rather wished I were corner. And I rather wished I were a Soviet Russian who, being used to communistic overcrowding, would not mind sharing a bedroom with five other strange women.



Much more at home than I was!

Still, it was impressed on me that I was lucky to have a bed and a roof at all. So, thinking back on barracks and school dormitories, I decided to take my present situation in the same spirit and commenced to unpack—not that I could unpack much, my hanging space being also strictly rationed.

Why is it that the dress one wants invariably seems to hide right at the bottom of a large trunk? And why do materials guaranteed crease-proof always come unpacked looking like crumpled rags?

AS I was the last to join the 'night nursery' I had to take back place in the 'order of the bath' unfortunately the time and my inclination rarely seemed to synchronise.

When seated at the dressing table, and happening to glance over my shoulder, how my hair stood on end on seeing a large fat rat, obviously much more at home than I was, giving a careful toilet to its whiskers.

Cockroaches at night gave me the creeps, especially when in their clumsy flight they collided with me. A candle used to serenade nightly its mate, and it kept me from sleep just as much as the snores of my co-bedders (who are fortunate in being able to sleep through murder, fire and sudden death), the click of mah-jong pieces, and the rest of the noisy night life outside.

A family of parents and three young children are living in exasperating proximity in the room next door—to judge by the peevish yells of the children and the weary admonitions of the parents.

FLATS and houses are likely to be 'Castles in the Air' for some time, but it seems to me essential that Government should step up the building, repairing and derequisitioning of residential flats and houses, besides protecting the public from excessive rents and "shoe" or "tea money," thus releasing those frustrated home-makers from the costly discomfort of 'Living in Boxes.'

WANT TO FEEL FIT?—TRY DEEP BREATHING

By PRUNELLA STACK

Lady David Douglas-Hamilton, Director of the Women's League of Health and Beauty

KNOWLEDGE of how to breathe correctly is essential for the development of a healthy body allied to a healthy mind and spirit. For thousands of years we have known that certain types of breathing could calm the mind and free the spirit. Undoubtedly the way in which one breathes is closely related also to mental effort. One has only to watch a child, concentrated on some absorbing activity, and to notice the deepness and regularity of its intake of breath, to become convinced of this fact.

If, then, breathing is such an important and inter-related part of one's well-being, surely it is worth while

to learn how to breathe correctly? But, you may ask, it is necessary to learn how to breathe? Surely one does it anyway, all the time?

Of course one does! But how? There has been quite a lot of controversy over this very point.

Many people contend that in exercising—whether it be in games, sports or actual physical training—movements—the fact that the body is moving with purpose, and therefore automatically quickening the pace of its breathing, is sufficient to train the breathing apparatus to the full.

There is, however, another side to the question. No one would deny that the aim to be achieved is the fullest possible expansion of the thorax or chest cage. By performing breathing exercises which are designed to attain this and which have this specific object in view, one is obviously going to achieve more in a shorter time than by merely exercising the body as a whole and breathing incidentally. And the training thus achieved will stand its owner in good stead when it comes to performing movements which require prolonged control co-ordination or skill.

Another point in favour of breathing exercises, as such, is that they can be practised regularly each day

and at almost any time during the day. Whereas it is seldom possible to break off work and play the game of tennis, or take the sharp walk which would achieve the same result—delightful though it would be if one could!

Now, good breathing habits start early. Most conscientious mothers see to it that a child learns to sleep with its mouth shut and to breathe through its nose. Indeed, this is always the best way of breathing in, as the nose is designed to act as a filter to possible germs and to prevent them from entering the body. But breathing training in childhood should go further and become a habit.

Deep breathing before an open window with no clothes on every morning is the ideal. Of course, the child must first be warmed by running round the room or clapping the body or jumping. Then an sort of games to make the daily breathing session fun rather than duty can be devised. Blowing an imaginary bubble along the window-sill; breathing in deeply in order to have enough breath to puff out an imaginary candle; seeing how far the ribs can expand sideways to reach Mummy's extended hands; breathing in, stretching the arms overhead, (growing very tall like a giant); then breathing out, bringing the arms down to the sides again, (shrinking like a dwarf).

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that the result is achieved: that is—a fully expanded chest and a capacity to breathe deeply. In through the nose, out through the mouth shaped as for whistling.

These methods should be followed for adults, too. It is amazing what a sense for exhilaration, as well as of calm and repose, regular breathing before an open window brings. One feels that one has started the day right, with mind and body co-ordinated and in harmony.

Pictured here is an exercise for early morning practice—breathing in as the arms part, and out as they come forward again. In addition, the actual expansion of the ribs should be practised every day. For this, the hands are placed on the ribs in order to feel their action, and, as the inward breath is taken, the ribs expand sideways and behind as well as in front, to their fullest extent.

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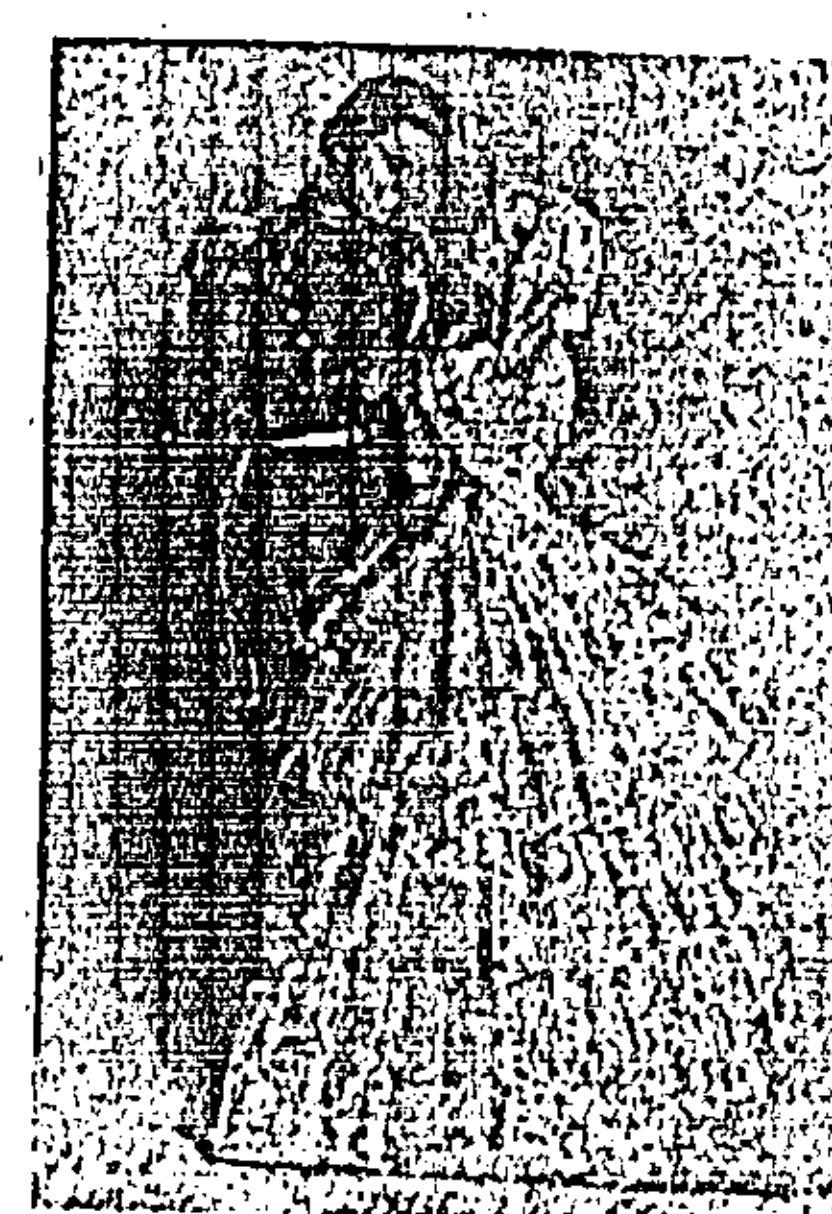
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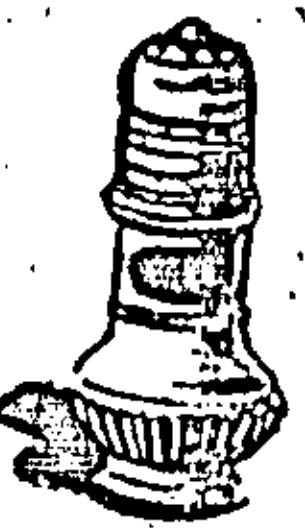
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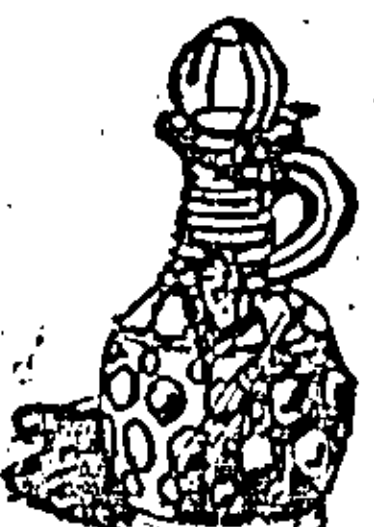


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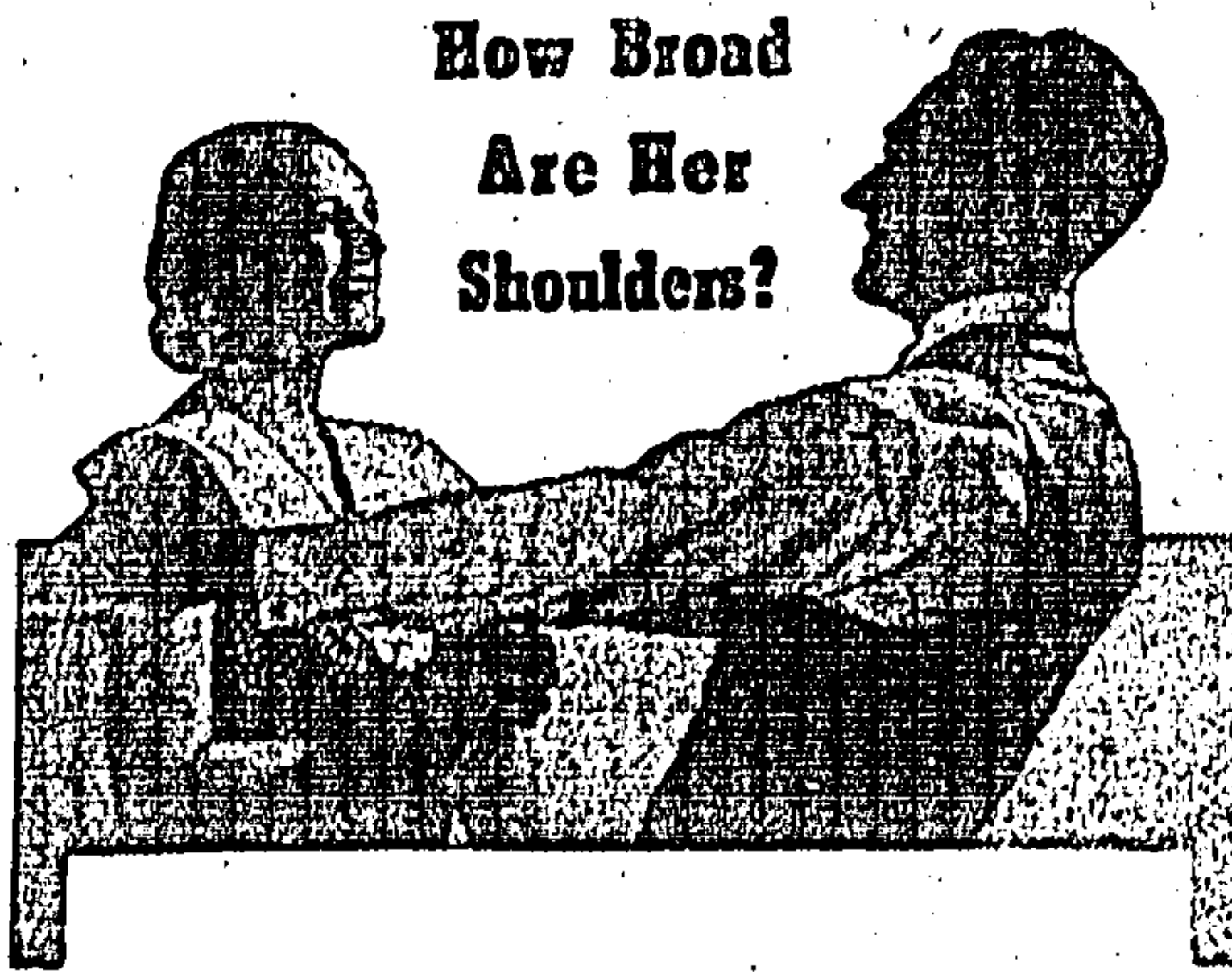
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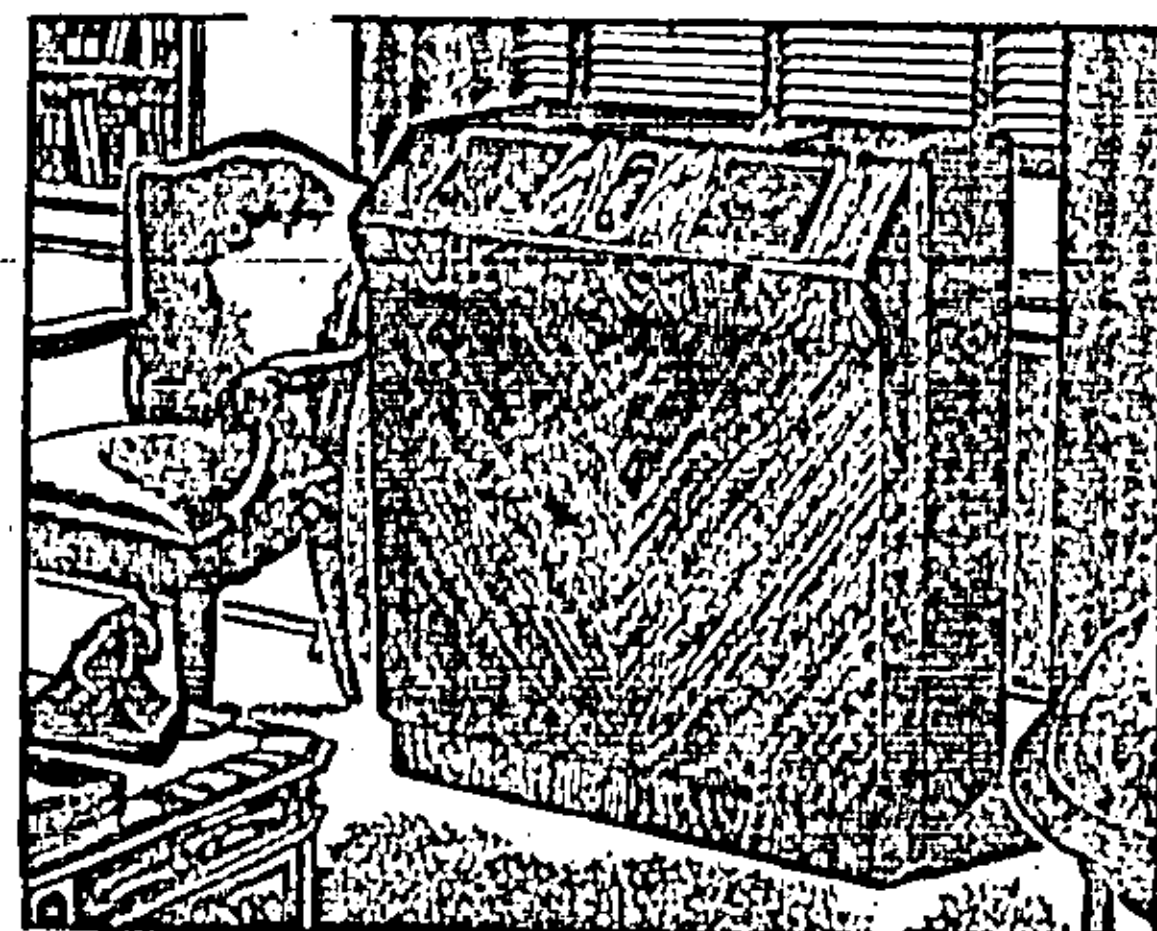
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Much interest has been aroused in Canton over the clamour to turn the city into a special municipality, because under special municipality the public would be entitled to elect members to the Legislative Yuan, the Control Yuan and the National Assembly.

The campaign was launched by the city Kuomintang and the City Council.

In future, all officials will be chosen by election. Members of the three foregoing offices are expected to wield considerable influence. All office holders in Kwangtung Province have to run for election.

"Election laws are being drafted and will be approved by the Legislative Yuan by the end of February," Professor Chen An-jen, member of the Legislative Yuan, told the Associated Press.

"Election laws will be proclaimed

Roosevelt To Be Filmed

Hollywood, Feb. 20. The life of Franklin D. Roosevelt will be portrayed in one and possibly in a series of motion pictures. The announcement was made by the late President's eldest son James, and film producer Jay Richard Kennedy.

Young Roosevelt said he would be financially interested in the venture but is not a member of the producing organization. He suggested the information be obtained from the late President's supporters and critics.

Young Roosevelt said that "it would have been the President's wish that any pictures about him be as fair as possible in detailing his role in the nation's and world affairs."

In March, and elections will be held next winter."

Professor Chen predicted intensive political activity in Canton when election day draws near.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

By Uncle Peter

Health and Wealth In Leaves

HAVE you ever thought what a tremendous number of the world's most valuable products are made from the leaves of plants? Tea and tobacco are obvious examples, but there are many more.

In few places in the world could you find a bigger collection of all kinds of these valuable leaves gathered together than in the Port of London. So let us go and take a look at some of the leaf cargoes coming into the port.

Tea we have already mentioned—in 1944/45 Britain imported 443,177,504 lbs. Of tobacco, 297,101,189 lbs. were imported in the same year.

Then from Ceylon, Java and India come cocoa leaves. These are imported mostly to be made into cocaine, a drug valuable in medicine. Leaves of the Jaborandi, a shrub that grows in Brazil, are used to make drugs that make people sweat—sometimes an important part of a cure in some diseases. From Ephedra shrubs, grown mostly in Spain and other European countries, is extracted Ephedrine, used to treat colds and chest complaints.

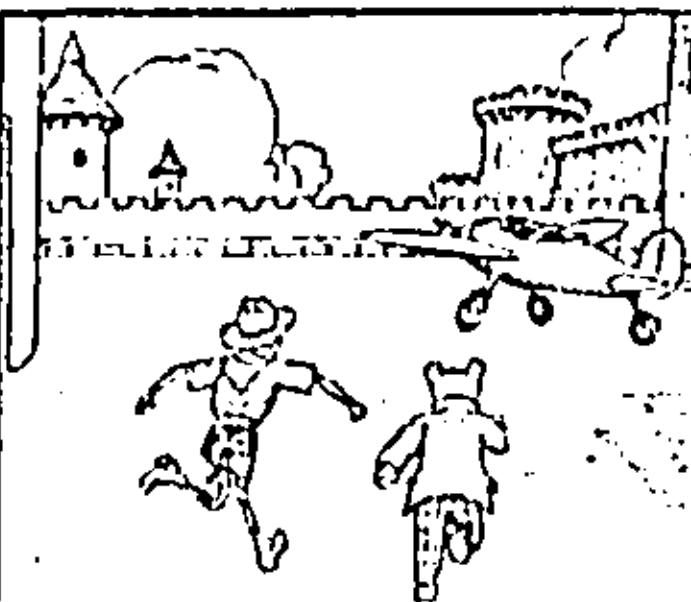
Then there are various kinds of leaves, from the Mediterranean, the United States and the Eastern countries, from which dyes are prepared, and also substances used in tanning leather.

From a variety of palm leaves known as Piassava come fibres for making brushes. Jute fibres, imported from Mexico, are also used for this, and Gunuli, from the tropics.

Reeds are imported for making paper, hemp fibres for making rope and cord. Hemp is obtained from the Philippines, from British East Africa and other countries within the British Commonwealth. The products of leaves are imported, too—raffia from the Madagascar palm, wax from the leaves of a palm in North-East Brazil. This is used in making polishes. At one time Britain imported hog leaves, for use in making beer, but now she relies entirely on her own home-grown hops.

Then there are sea-weed leaves. One variety that comes from Ireland is used instead of gelatine, to make jellies.

Rupert and Ninky—42



Hardly knowing what to do, Rupert turns and finds that Toy Scout has followed him down the winding stairway. "Ninky's fallen over and disappeared!" he cries. "What can I do?" "Well, don't worry. He's only made of cloth," says the Scout. "He can't hurt himself." "But he's so precious. I don't want to lose him," says the little bear. "In that case, let's go after him," replies the other. "He has so far to fall that we could catch him before he lands." And they run for the plane.

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According To Culbertson

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The winning play in to-day's deal was not readily apparent, but thoughtful analysis might have brought it to light.

North, dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	AKQ1075	♠	753
♥	AKQ107	♥	AKQ107
♦	A653	♦	753
♣	A72	♣	8642
			JO86
SOUTH		WEST	
♠	AQ42	♠	AKQ1084
♥	AKQ1084	♥	753
♦	753	♦	AKQ107
♣	AQ	♣	AKQ107

The Missing:

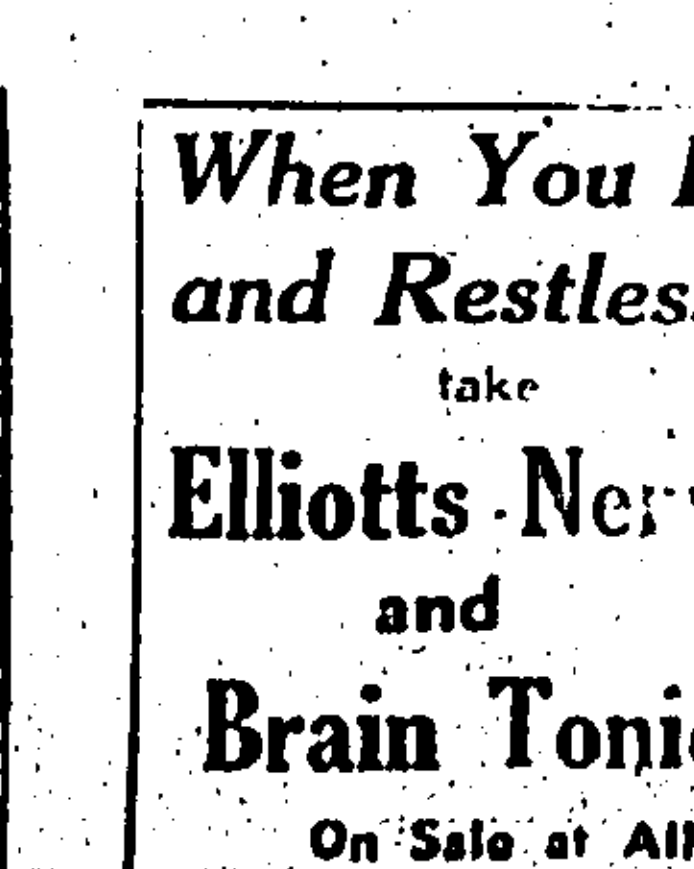
North	West	East	South
♠	7	5	3
♥	7	5	3
♦	7	5	3
♣	7	5	3

West opened the spade king. Declarer won, ruffed a spade with dummy's singleton, then led a low club to his blank queen—perhaps hoping to steal that trick. If East had the ace and failed to play it. There was no such luck, however. West captured the club

queen and promptly cashed two spades. The ace of trumps was the setting trick. The moment South saw the dummy he should have realised that ruffing one spade in dummy would do very little good—he still would have two low spades to lose, as well as one trump and one club. He could not hope to discard on dummy's diamonds until he had drawn trumps, and the moment he started that process, the opponents would be free to cash their spade tricks. Nor would it be feasible to set up the club king by leading the queen—a defender would win, lead a trump to take out dummy's singleton, and then cash spades.

The "catch" of the hand was to duck the opening spade lead! Observe how this would transfer to the defenders all the insoluble problems that faced declarer. If he won the first lead. What could West do next? If he cashed the heart ace and then continued with spades, South would win, draw trumps, and discard all his losers. If West led another spade immediately, dummy's trump would preserve South's spade ace. A diamond or club shift by West would also permit South to regain control of the spade suit while knocking out the trump ace and drawing trumps.

NANCY That's All for Now, Nancy



This snob went a bit too far

By George Malcolm Thomson

TO feel sorry for Mr Christopher Sykes, whose tragic story is unfolded by his nephew, Mr Christopher Sykes, in the first biography of his stylish and admirable book, *Four Studies in Loyalty* (Collins, 12s. 6d.)—to feel sorry for Mr Sykes is easy; to respect him, more difficult.

He was a pale, beautiful star, wanly shining in the long Victorian twilight, that twilight lit by a garish planet, the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII.

All the advantages available to an English gentleman were his. His father was a horse-mad Yorkshire landowner, ludicrous, yet commanding respect from the family which he ruled with the whip especially when, in the luggage of his sons, was found such damning evidence of degeneracy as toothbrushes.

Bliss

Formed in a gentler mood, the melancholy and dandified Christopher was at ease in the drawing room rather than the stables; he went to town, went to Parliament. And, being a shocking snob, he found life's final, most intoxicating bliss in the society of the Prince of Wales.

To the Prince, how useful was Christopher! Who adroiter than he at organising a discreet dinner-party when the Royal whim demanded; who more sensitive in mixing the company so that it should be neither too boring nor too raffish; who handier for hospitality when the exalted sportsman yearned for Doncaster Races!

But, how brief the step from courtier to clown; how narrow the dividing line between minister to the Royal pleasures and butt of the Royal jests. And such jests, in the ripe Hanoverian tradition!

The worst was averted by a reluctant exercise of the princely bounty.

Christopher's end was pathetic. Dying, as a direct consequence of a heartless caprice of the Prince's, Christopher was buried amid a gratifying concourse of fashion. Yet, even here, farce peeped in. The coffin was too long for the grave. What a plying, or at least a flourishing of handkerchiefs: what an odd shaking of the portly frame of HRH!

No dandy

If Mr Sykes appears to have been an ass, that is the last word that could be used of the subject of Christopher Sykes's second-essay, *Bahram Kirmani* was not a dandy; he was, on the contrary, a Persian; fat, repulsive, smelling of vodka, an accomplished liar, a charming guide to mosques, and less reputable institutions in Isfahan. But an ass decidedly not.

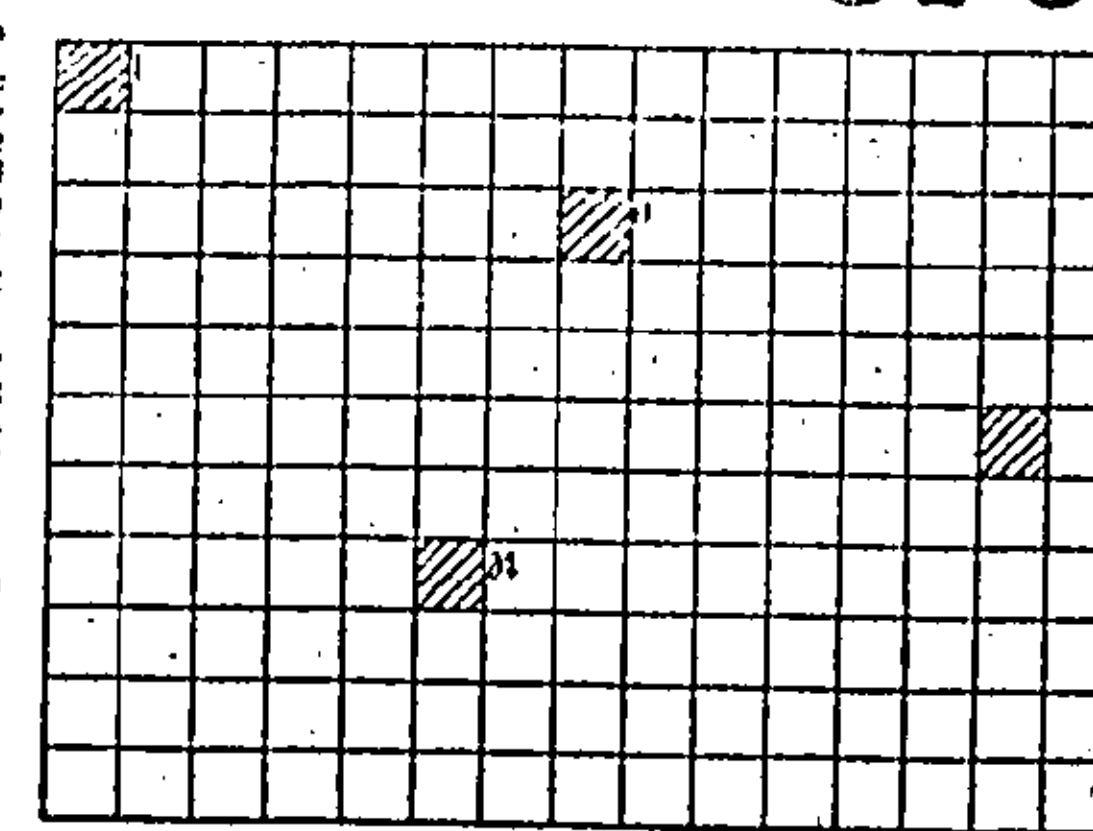
Skeleton Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- What a tale of despair—often told.
- A word used by a dandy.
- He no longer has a coal.
- So we are given a little more of a little more.
- Not a very pretentious dressmaker.
- Take your pen, and make a bit of a living on retirement.
- Migrant bird we have to put down, or put up with.
- It's easy enough to get jocular with full pay.
- Expression of interest in Gandhi's title.
- Reprimand on the tower.
- In this out of country there will be rain later.
- Vegetable the hot-and-bothered athlete feels like (two words).

CLUES DOWN

- Scarcely a synonym for the umpire's "one!"
- They took their betting nobly.
- This once a complete wash-out, or should be.
- Advice to fly boldly—or go to bed (two words).
- A street urchin with a friend in France.



IN the Skeleton Crossword you have to fill in black squares and place clue numbers as well as solve the clues. The design being symmetrical, every black square in the top left quarter must have a corresponding black in the top right, bottom left, and bottom right quarters. So black all the squares corresponding to the four already shaded and you have 12 black squares.

Study the clue numbers. Before clue 11 you have to find places for 1 and 10 across and 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 down. On the third line there must be an across clue to balance No. 11. Obviously that will be No. 10, as this is in across clue.

Notice that clue 1 is across and there is no 1 down, so you can fill black in the squares under that containing No. 1, and the three others correspond. The rest should be easy. No words of less than three letters are used except in phrases.

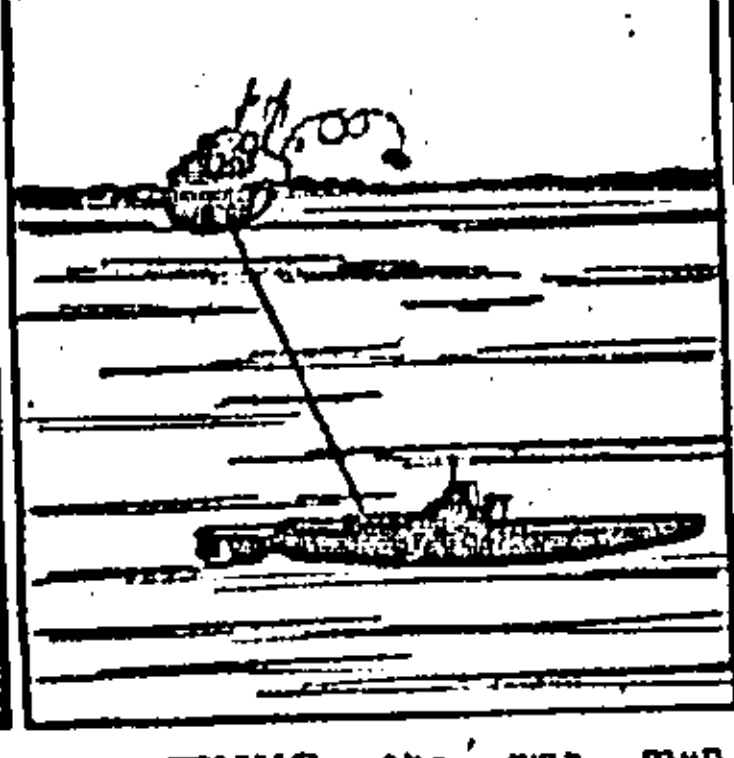
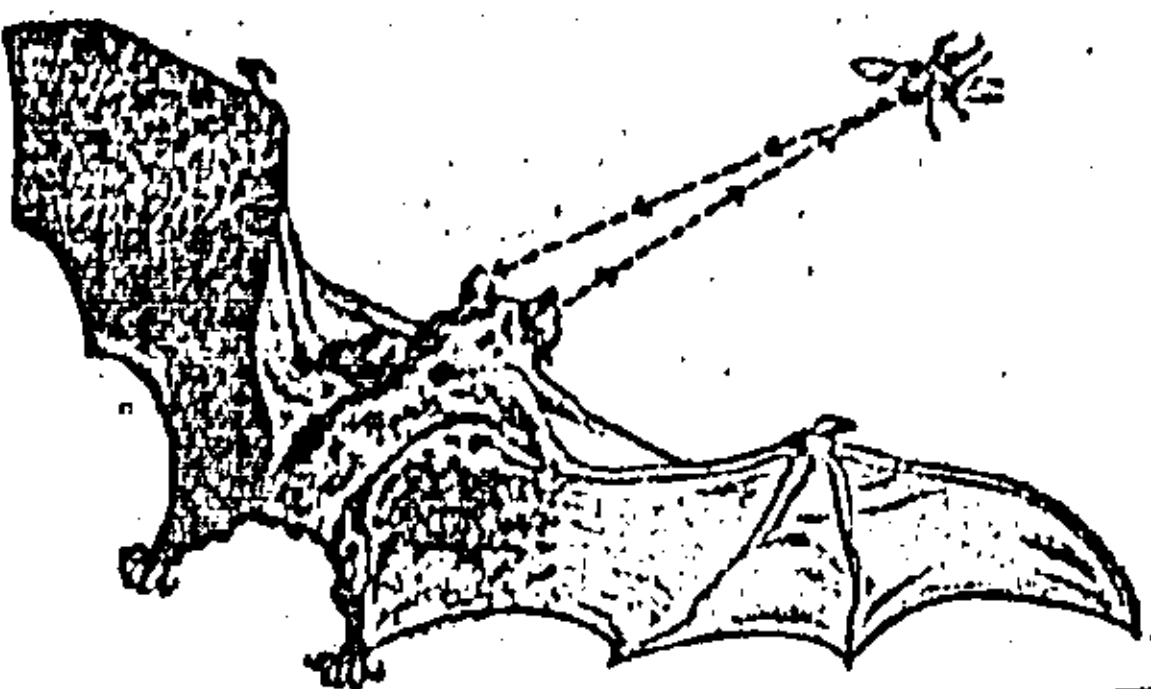
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SCIENCE STRIPS

... So they put blinkers on the bats ...

by
CHAPMAN
PINCHER
drawn by
Bernard Venables



"CAN you hear a bat squeak?" That's an old question. Some people can hear the bat's communicating call. Although its wavelength is right at the top of the range of the human ear. But we now know that the bat also transmits even higher-pitched waves, "supersonic" waves that is—faster than sound. This discovery has explained an age-old mystery, and put science a stride forward into the future.

How? In experiments fine wires have been stretched across a room in which bats—blinded with some substance like paraffin wax—were turned loose. They flew around without ever touching a wire.

Scientists have answered the riddle. Bats transmit "supersonic" waves from their pointed noses. These waves are reflected by obstacles in the bat's path, and their echo is picked up again by the bat's trumpet-like ears. The nearer the obstacle, the stronger the echo. That is how the bat locates the flying insects on which it feeds. It is believed that they can identify different insects by the type of echo they get back.

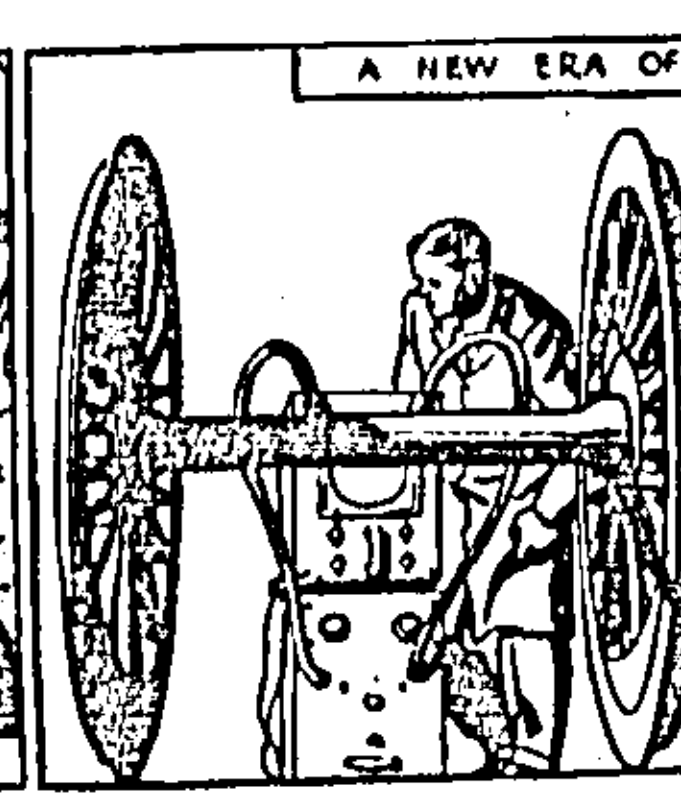
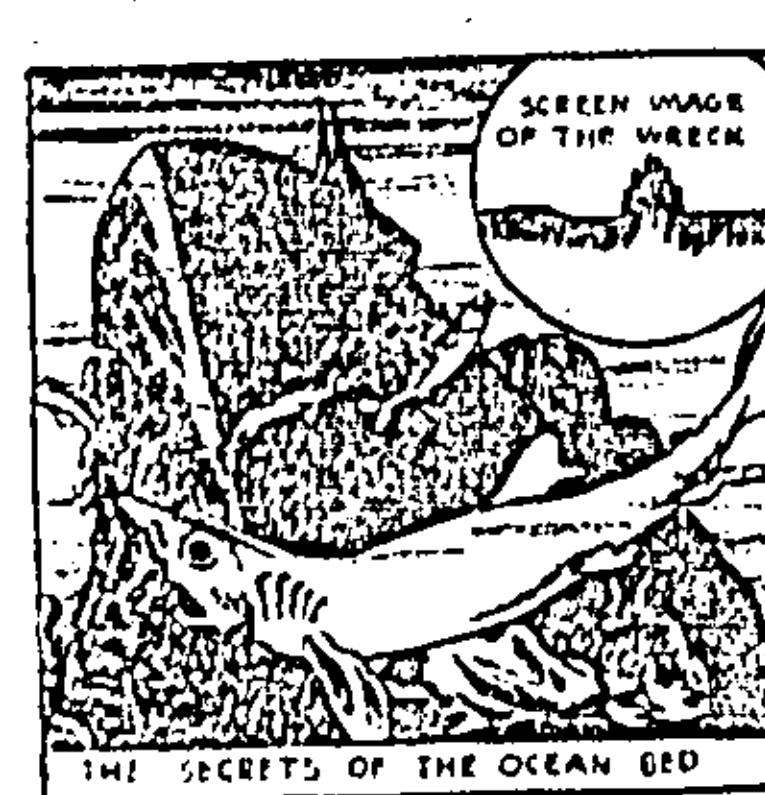
DURING the war men learned to apply the supersonic echo principle that bats have used for millions of years. British scientists perfected a submarine detector—the echo-receiver.

Supersonic waves were sent down into the water. The submarine reflected them back, and the echo revealed the presence of the submarine on a visible screen. Depth charges could be dropped with great accuracy.

Previous submarine detectors were defeated when a submarine shut off its engines. But the echo shows submarines that lie silently on the sea-bottom.

NOW fishermen are using the supersonic echo to locate the presence of fish. The waves are reflected from the shoals of herring or cod, and the echo is translated into a visible image, so the trawlermen know exactly when to shoot their nets and the size of catch to expect.

I have been shown the Navy and trawlermen's echo-sounders, and I can see that long voyages for small catches will soon be avoided. Already the Orinaby trawlermen are reporting larger hauls and a great saving of time and fuel.



THE echo is also being used for mapping the sea-bottom. The Admiralty—and scientific expeditions—are taking soundings with an accuracy never known before.

The days of taking the depth with a weighted line are now over. Wrecks can be located with complete accuracy. Sea travel will be safer because ships will have warning of newly formed sandbanks and dangerous reefs.

THE supersonic echo principle has now produced a remarkable device for detecting flaws and cracks in metal. Previously expensive X-rays were used, and the results were uncertain. The supersonic detector—looking like a telephone set with a huge stethoscope attached—will find a crack 1/100,000th of an inch wide through 20 ft. of metal. The railway are using it to test axles.

It has been proved experimentally possible to transmit supersonic waves along the railway lines from a crystal transmitter fitted to the travelling train. A crystal pick-up on another train could receive the signals. So it will be impossible for two trains to approach each other on the same line without being automatically stopped at danger distance.

By using this same method telephones could be installed in trains. The G.P.O. has opposed radio telephones through the available wavelengths. But supersonic waves could carry the message through the lines and the vibrations could be picked up at stations and plugged into the ordinary telephone circuits. Travellers could make personal calls and engine-drivers could keep in touch with the signal-boxes.

It's Fun Finding Out

(Continued from Page 5)

BESIDES his four attacks of pneumonia he's had gastro-enteritis and appendicitis (1922), tonsillitis (1928), and paratyphoid after eating oysters at Salzburg (1932). He's also had skin trouble, eye trou-

ble and lung trouble; flu, chills, colds, and sea sickness.

He was in an airplane that ran into a ditch taking off from Paris (1910). In the same room in which a 4.2 shell burst in Flanders (1910), and in London during the blitz.

He's had car accidents in Whitehall, Cairo and Kent and in 1931

he was knocked down by a taxi in New York.

When people tried to be sorry for him on that occasion he said, in those tones, "we all know so well from the radio: 'Live dangerously. Take things as they come. Dread naught. All will be well.'"

The old buccaner.

BRITISH SCIENTIST FOR CHINA

Appointed Director of the British Council's Science Office in China, Dr Ronald Alfred Silow, British scientist who specialises in plant breeding and genetics, expects to sail shortly from Britain, accompanied by his wife.

Dr Silow has exchanged information by correspondence for several years with leading Chinese scientists whom he now hopes to meet personally. He will carry with him many new scientific books and recent papers which he hopes will interest his new colleagues.

Dr Silow's duties in China will be to act as liaison officer between Britain and China to facilitate the reciprocal interchange of scientific information.

Born in London, Dr Silow graduated as a B.Sc. with first-class honours degree in agricultural botany at Reading, in Berkshire, and became a Doctor of Science in 1944. His most recent appointment was when, in 1945, he was Scientific Officer of the Agricultural Research Council, and in 1946, School of Agriculture, at Cambridge University.

When Dr Silow reaches China he hopes to extend and strengthen Sino-British co-operation in the scientific field. He expects to visit many Chinese universities and research institutes in the course of his work, and is looking forward to many meetings and discussions with Chinese scientists.

Gordon Private's Demob Party

The Freedom of York demobilisation centre was presented recently to 35-year-old Pte Horace John Mitchell, a Gordon Highlander, who was the 500,000th man to pass into Civvy Street from the centre.

Commandant of the unit, Lt-Col A. E. White, welcomed him and everything Mitchell wanted was at his disposal free, including a telephone to get in touch with his wife and drink in the officers, sergeants or corporals messes.

A special farewell party was attended by Maj-Gen C. M. Smith, Acting G.O.C., Northern Command who presented him with an engraved pewter tankard and a bottle of whisky.

The place of honour beside him at the party was given to Corporal Rosina Robertson of Ballieston, Lanarkshire, 20,000th A.T.S. girl to be demobbed at York. A powder compact was presented to her by the General as a souvenir.

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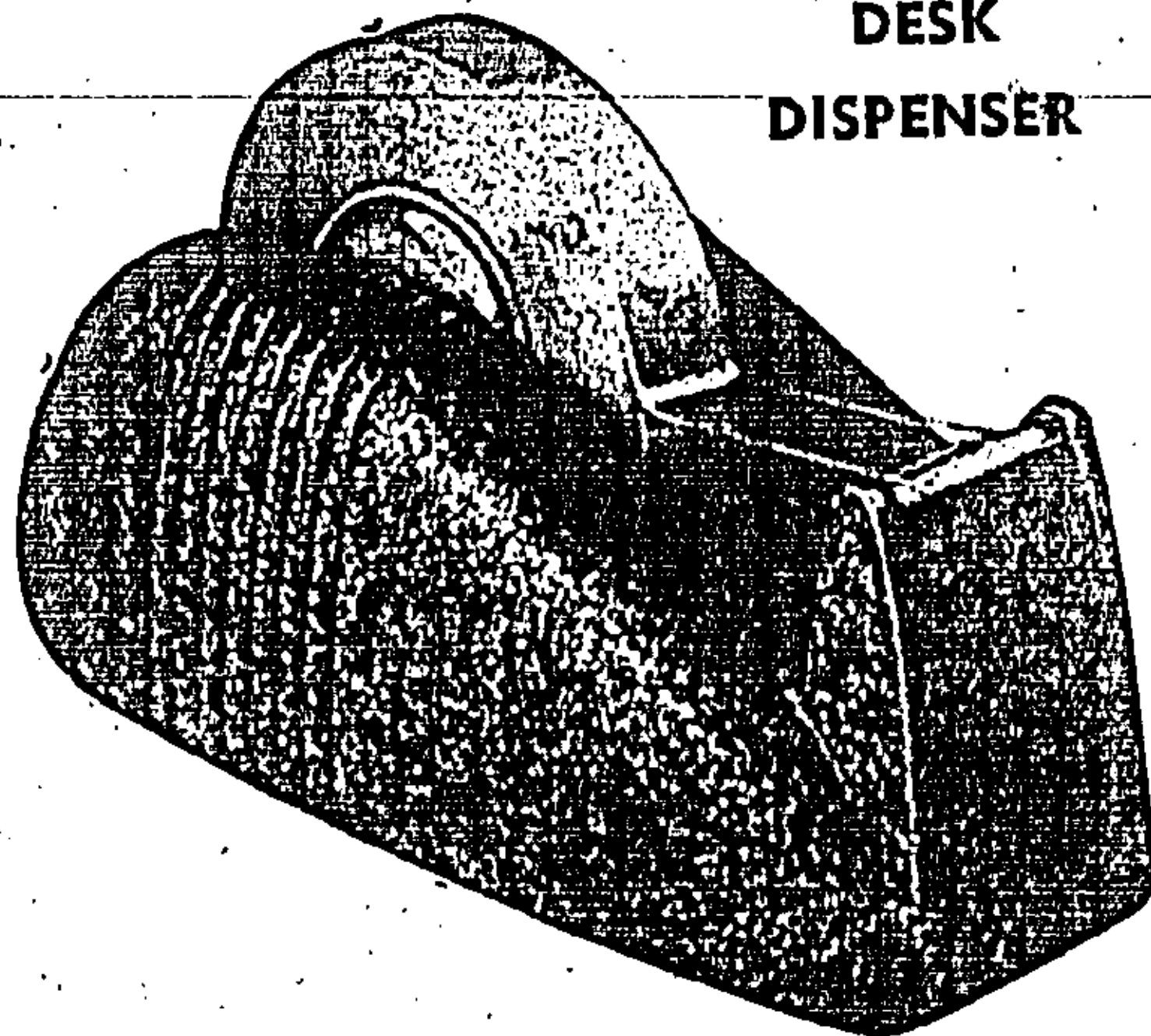
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Abd el Krim, Terror Of Morocco, Said Freed

Abd el Krim, one-time terror who all but drove the Spanish army from Morocco into the sea, is reported to be on route to Franco, returning from 20 years' exile in the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean.

The veteran Rif leader, now 67 years old, white-bearded, and lame from an old bullet wound in one leg, is said to be returning by ship to France with the full approval of the French authorities, to spend the rest of his days living quietly on the Riviera.

Reports that he had "escaped" from Morocco and had returned to North Africa to set the rugged Atlas Mountains aflame again with a holy war against the Spaniards and French are categorically denied by all sources in Paris, says United Press.

The former "Lion of the Atlas" is said to be old and broken and to desire nothing but to end his days in peace without meddling in politics or warfare again.

News of the release of Abd el Krim was a bombshell to the Spanish public and to government officials.

LIVED QUIETLY

Official quarters in Madrid declined to comment, but the comment of the man in the street was that it was intended to hamper Spain in maintaining order in Spanish Morocco, where Abd el Krim is still influential.

Since his surrender to the French at his final mountain stronghold of Djebel Hamman in May 1926, abandoned by the rest of his former army of 100,000 Moroccan fanatics, Abd el Krim has lived quietly, almost forgotten by the world, in the white home placed at his disposal by the French government in the island of Reunion.

The decision to allow him to return to Europe was said to have been taken after the former Rif leader had given formal guarantees not to take any active part in politics again.

ESCAPED FIRING SQUAD

After his surrender, he had begged the French to be allowed to stay in Morocco as the Spaniards demanded that he face a firing squad. But the French rushed him off to Reunion with his wife, his three sons, brother, uncle, two sisters, several nephews and nieces, and gave him the estate of Castel Fleuri as his home.

Reports that the news of his release has come as a bombshell to Madrid caused surprise in Paris as Abd el Krim is regarded as a forgotten old man and it was thought unlikely the French would make any use of him to stir up trouble in Spanish Morocco. In any event, it was pointed out, the strategic moment to have done so would have been in 1943, after the Allied invasion of North Africa, when the United States and Britain were still nervous of a possible attack from Spanish Morocco.

PLEGED HIS WORD

Since his exile to Reunion, where he arrived on October 10, 1926, Abd el Krim had lived in seclusion, his name fading to a memory to the outside world. He first stayed at the Chateau Morange, where his wife

bore a son to him. He spent most of his time there reading, working in the garden and driving his motor car.

A few years later, he moved to his permanent residence, the great white colonnaded Castel Fleuri, a huge colonial-style mansion about six kilometres from the capital town of Saint Denis.

From time to time, reports of his alleged escape caused a sensation, particularly in Spain. The last of these reports, later proved false, was in 1936.

In actual fact, Abd el Krim was said to have pledged his word to the French Government to serve France in the event of his liberation, as did his great predecessor, Abd el Kader, who fought the French for years in Algeria at the end of the last century.

Nanking May Soon Get Diplomatic Section

By HAROLD K. MILKS
Associated Press Staff Correspondent

China's post-war capital may soon have a diplomatic section rivaling the famous Legation Quarter of old Peking.

Not far from the new American Embassy on the outer edge of Nanking's northwestern region, three nations—all members of the British family—have purchased or are purchasing real estate for use in the construction of new embassies. Others are known to be interested in acquiring suitable locations for future buildings.

Both the Australian and Canadian governments have already purchased property in the hilly fringe of the Chinese capital, and shortly will start construction of their respective embassy compounds. Official sources said the Indian Embassy will shortly acquire land nearby for its own purposes.

There are two factors influencing purchase of property by foreign governments at this time. One is the shortage of adequate housing for foreign diplomatic missions. The other is the excessive rental charged in most cases for suitable houses.

Nanking's new "diplomatic zone" will bear no resemblance to Peking's closely spaced embassies and legations, now used as consulates for the most part, in order that the respective governments may retain their properties under an old imperial grant by which the location section land reverted to the Chinese government should it cease being used for official purposes.

The British government retains its old Embassy compound near the railroad station. Years ago the British purchased land for construction of a new embassy, but squatters who occupied the site by the score steadfastly refuse to evacuate.

Some foreign diplomats—unable to solve the problem of exorbitant rentals and high building costs—have decided to stay away from the national capital entirely. They live in Shanghai, visiting Nanking only when necessary.

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Get Out Of Bed After The Knife

BY HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
(Associated Press Science Reporter)

The new near-miracle of surgery in getting people out of bed the first or second day after operation and so curing them faster was described to the American College of Surgeons recently by four physicians.

The speed-up is partly war bonus, but actually started before the war. The physicians were Howard Husk, New York; I. S. Ravdin, Philadelphia; John H. Powers, Cooperstown, N. Y.; and Henry H. Kessler, Newark, N. J.

Dr. Powers told of 233 civilian patients, operated on for appendicitis, hernia and several other abdominal operations. They got out of bed the first or second day. They were compared with another group of 120, who stayed in bed 12 days.

Those who got up left the hospital five days to a week quicker. They convalesced in half or less than half the time. They required less morphine, and had less gas pains. They ate good meals sooner. They had no reduction in post-operative pneumonia, but the danger of blood clots after operation was much reduced. Strangely, there was no more weight loss for those who stayed in bed than for those who got up and who ate more heartily.

Dr. Ravdin told of a Chinese soldier, whose heart stopped beating during an operation. The surgeon opened the chest and massaged the heart back to life. The operation was finished and 18 hours later the Chinese soldier walked two miles to a bazaar to buy fruit. Dr. Ravdin said that the Chinese have been practicing post-operative ambulation—the technical name for getting out of bed soon—for a long time—Associated Press.

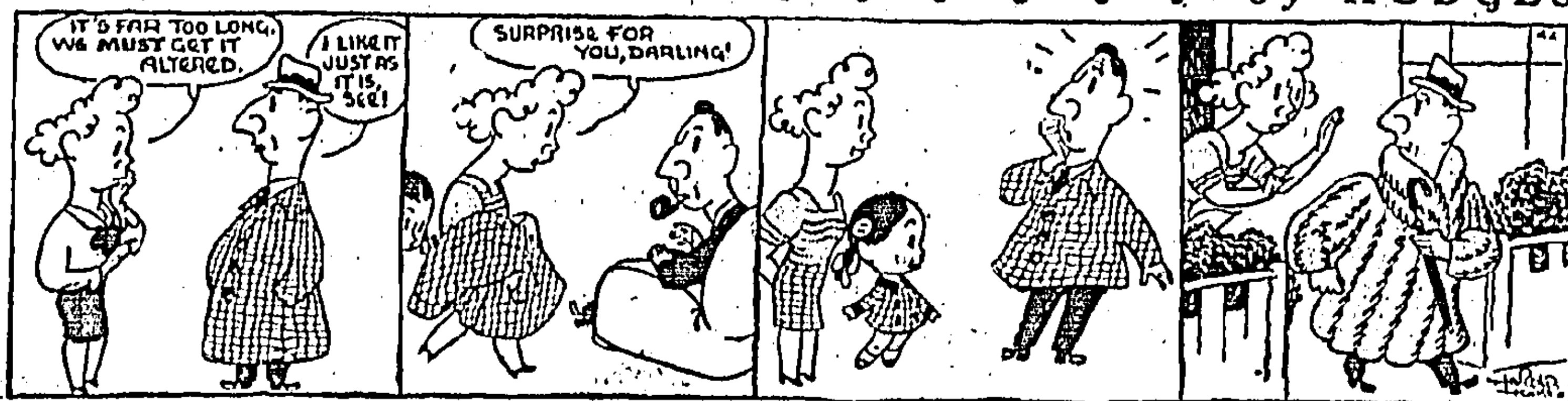
ARE YOU SURE?

ANSWERS

Questions on Page 3.
1. General Slim, former commander of the 14th Army. 2. (b) A cross. 3. Manila hemp. 4. (d) King Arthur. 5. Anointed one. 6. Croats (all the rest are Red Indians). 7. Jewish and Mohammedan. 8. Jerusalem, independent. 9. The harbour of Constantinople, an inlet to the Bosphorus, so called for its shape and beauty. 10. Philanthropist.

THE PARKERS

by HODGES



MAGIC HELPED TO WIN THE DESERT WAR

A VENERABLE London institution reappeared for the Christmas season after an interval of seven years—a Maskelyne and Devant show. Twice a day, during the whole of the school holidays, large numbers of children and their parents crowded into the neat little Westminster Theatre to be fascinated by a bewildering two-hour display of magic.

It was the mixture as before, as you know it in your childhood, in mine, and my father in his, brought up to date with some new illusions and tricks, and topical patter.

Once again, shapely wenchers appeared and disappeared from innumerable boxes, wriggled through a two-inch hole in a steel plate, vanished from a hammock swinging in mid-air or from under a sheet after rising slowly in the air with no visible means of support, and emerged unscathed from a chest pierced with a dozen swords. Bowls of goldfish and parrots materialised out of nothing, and glasses of water vanished into a ball, remained perfectly dry. Ropes untied themselves, steel rings lifted up, torn newspapers became whole again, and a wave of a handkerchief transformed sand into steaming café au lait.

Presiding over all these swindles, either as a whimsical Chinese or his own dapper self, was Jasper Maskelyne, superb showman with a light touch and an immaculate style.

Fooling the Axis

FOR 80 years, three successive generations of this brilliant family of illusionists have entertained and mystified more than half the population of the British Isles. By 1939, Maskelyne's Company had given over 58,000 consecutive performances. The war brought its public performance to an end. It did not stop the Maskelyne magic. Like the rest of the nation's activities, it was geared to the war effort.

The skill and brains which had diverted and deluded a public of all ages were to be employed for the next five years in fooling the Axis.

One day Jasper was still playing to an enthusiastic audience at the Birmingham Hippodrome; four weeks later, he was in the Western Desert, an officer in the Royal Engineers in charge of the Deceptive Camouflage Unit.

In the Libyan wilderness, Jasper had to face the trickiest task a Maskelyne ever had to contend with. The illusion he was required to perform this time were not on a stage, where mirrors, black velvet, trick lighting and subtle apparatus together can work many seeming miracles, but in the glare of a merciless sun, hundreds of miles away from draperies, and unaided by patter and stage hands. Stage magic is usually clearly visible from the flies above, but his war wizardry had above all to be foolproof from the air, where the camera-eye of reconnaissance is sharper than the best Zeiss binoculars on the ground.

The enemy next had to contend with an unexpectedly vast increase in our 25-pounders. The "Maskelyne" guns not only looked like the real thing, they also "fired" most realistically. Jasper says they had the greatest fun preparing the fireworks which produced the bang and the flash, and which were fired electrically from a point below the barrel. As a few real guns were distributed among the camouflaged variety, it is not surprising the enemy were fooled.

When R.A.F. first asked the unit to make a dummy landing ground, the result was so amateurish that Italian bombers visited it a few hours after the real planes had brought back the news—and plastered the area with bombs! Subsequent experiments were much more successful, and dummy aircraft also appeared on the "runways", on which the Germans wasted much time and bombs. The unit made sure that the illusion was complete, and both "aircraft" and "station buildings" were made to burn most convincingly after a raid.

By PETER LOVEGROVE

In those early days we were woefully short of tanks (as of most things) and Field Marshal Wavell wanted to bluff the Italians into believing we had plenty of armour. So the Deceptive Camouflage Unit set to work in R.E. Workshops at base, building wooden "T" tanks out of 10-ton lorries.

A full-dress rehearsal was held in the Mokattam Hills behind Aboussa Barracks outside Cairo, at which the C-in-C and General "Dicky" Creagh were present, while R.A.F. aircraft took photographs at varying heights. The test was completely successful, even the generals being unable to pick out the genuine article included in the parade. Nor, a few weeks later, did the Italians. While our only armoured division, the famous Desert Rats of the 7th Armoured Division, massed legions near the Egypt-Libya frontier from the south, a thin gallant little column advanced along the coast from the east, the bulk of its mechanised equipment "made in Cairo", and the Italians withdrew hurriedly back into Libya and away to their doom south of Benghazi.

When our supply position improved later in the Middle East campaign, Maskelyne's unit was given the opposite task of making the Churchill tanks and the Sherman look like 10-tonners. This was a much more difficult proposition because of the characteristic marks left in the sand from tank traffic, and plainly visible from the air. This was solved fairly satisfactorily by fixing strips of metal to the back of the "10-tonners" which obliterated track marks and left a rather wide trail, such as might have been made by heavy double tyres.

As the desert battles swung backwards and forwards with the arrival of the Afrika Korps, the enemy soon got to know of the dummy tanks, which, by then were being mass-produced, but this knowledge proved of little consolation as they were quite unable to distinguish between Cairo fake and steel reality, and regularly "brought it."

The Navy also asked Jasper to lend a hand. For the Senior Service the unit built four dummy submarines, which appeared in harbour every time the genuine subs set off on a job. They made regular appearances in Beirut, and enemy planes spying on the port must have been hard put to it earning their keep.

There was an amusing incident when the first dummy was tried out. It was decided to hold a trial south of Atana in the Red Sea, and it was such a top secret matter that the unit omitted to inform the Brigadier in charge of the area. The appearance of an unsuspected sub in the Red Sea caused a considerable flap—it was assumed to be a Jap craft which had slipped past our patrols, and all sorts of measures were hurriedly devised to cope with this new menace. Jasper told me his face still burns when he recalls the rocket he received from the irate senior officer when the truth was discovered!

Trick Lighting

TRICK lighting, one of the methods by which many stage illusions are effected, was next pressed into service. Twenty-one huge searchlights were installed at various points along the Suez Canal—beams of varying heights and colours not only dazzled enemy bombers caught in their rays but also provided our night fighters hovering above with a perfect silhouette of the visitors.

This was followed by "dazzle lights," first on lorries and then on tanks. This "artificial moonlight" not only confused enemy gunners, but also enabled infantry to make ground undetected. Lorries with these searchlights were spread over a considerable area, the lights being electrically controlled from a central switch, so that by the time enemy gunners had taken a bead on one light, it would be switched off and another would appear a few hundred yards away. This device was used extensively in the desert, and by British and U.S. troops in Italy and Western Europe.

MRS. MARSHALL TRIPPED OVER TRIPLETS

Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the United States' new Secretary of State, writing about her life with her military husband in an article in Look magazine, tells of an error she made years ago when she was meeting high army society for the first time at a formal reception at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Marshall, then a colonel, had told her of special friends to whom he wished to show particular attention when they came down the receiving line.

He knew there were too many of them for her to remember, so he said as they came by he would whisper to her such identifications as "China," "staff," or "flowers," to identify those with whom he had served in China, staff officers and those who had sent flowers to their army post home and should be thanked for their greetings. One army wife was the mother of triplets and should be congratulated, he suggested.

"I believe I did very well for the first 500 or so," writes Mrs. Marshall. "But after that, Marshall's voice seemed to come from far off—'China' . . . 'Staff' . . . 'Flowers' . . ."

"Suddenly through the maze penetrated the word 'triplets.' By that time I did not know triplets from flowers and I said as graciously as possible:

"Oh thank you so much for your lovely triplets."

Marshall, she admits, "looked astounded."—Associated Press.

Window on the World

New York.—William Ellis Keyes, ship's officer, was taking a holiday from Detroit to Florida by plane. He checked his safety belt and dozed. Suddenly he felt something like "a thousand bumps." The plane had crashed through the top of a forest in Virginia. Around him 15 other passengers and three of the crew were sitting dead, cremated. He was pulled to safety but he remembers little of it. His injuries and burns were minor.

UNARMED COMMANDOS

Valetta.—In expectation of the increase in illegal Jewish immigrant running across the Mediterranean to Palestine, Royal Marine Commandos are undergoing unarmed combat courses based on experience of the illegals' tactics against boarding parties.

ROYAL TRAIN CRITICISM

Johannesburg.—Criticism by anti-British elements of the luxury of the Royal train for the South African tour are answered by the statement that many of the modern refinements introduced for the first time in this train will subsequently be incorporated into South African State Railway coaches for public use.

CAVIAREBURGER

Hollywood.—In Hollywood the latest craze is for a hot, d.g. smothered with caviare costing five shillings.

NO KIDDING

Arnold Penn.—John Schuffert, aged 20, who hired himself out as a babysitter, married the "baby" whom he guarded. She is Dolores Lowman, 13 years old.

"BALL AND CHAIN" BETTER

Wellington.—If you own a car be careful not to let your wife read this story. Wellington's chief traffic inspector, J. H. R. Seemle, says the theory that men are better drivers

than women is sheer fallacy. "Once a woman has overcome initial nervousness, she is far more confident and in many cases a better driver," he says.

"A BELL FOR BARBANA"

Trieste.—For more than 100 years the monks of the 300-year-old church and monastery of Barbana have wanted a bell large enough to be heard on the mainland—to summon the monks and the sole inhabitants. A one-ton bell, made of German field guns, is in process of erection. AMIGOT arranged it for the monks.

ONE ON THE NOGGIN

Rome.—Andrea Comanducci, 53-year-old Rome restaurant waiter, refused a drink from the bottle offered by GI Frankens Louis. Louis broke the bottle over his head and the waiter went to hospital. Louis was beaten up by passers-by and followed his victim to hospital—shortly after.

BIG HEARTED MARIE

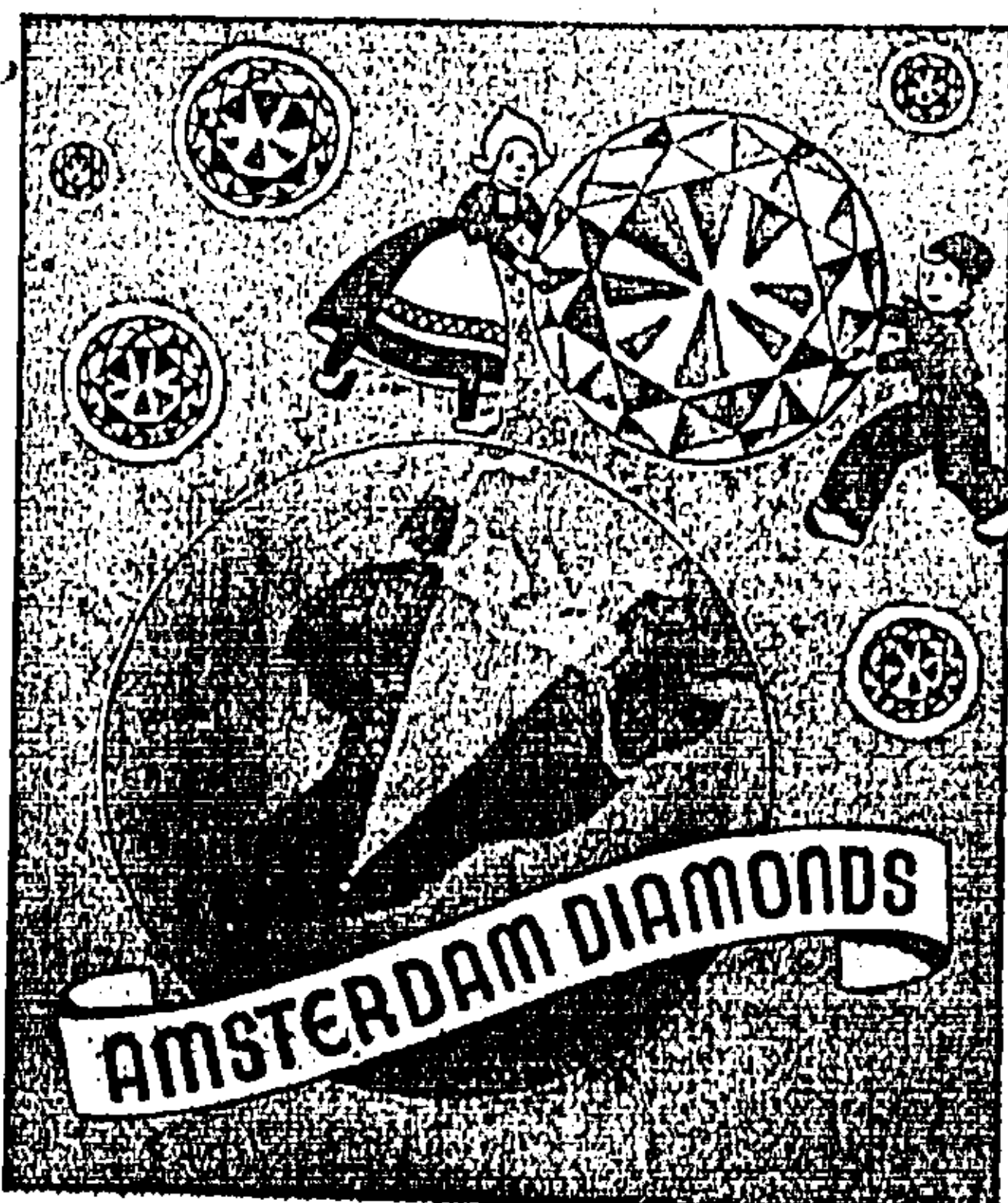
Paris.—Children in a Paris nursery, Saint Oulin, have not had their breakfast or received clothes for the last month. The nurse, 50-year-old Marie Millet, it is alleged, sold their food and clothes on the black market. Clothes worth £1,800 were found in her house.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:—Across:—1. Orchestra. 10. Chain. 11. Iron. 12. Cinema. 13. East. 14. Antim. 15. Semitic. 16. Idea. 21. Yahoo. 23. Orange. 24. Imp. 25. Ants. 26. Ore. 27. Emphasis. Down:—1. Occasion. 2. Rhine. 3. Cant. 4. Hic. 5. Emity. 6. Stam. 7. Trench. 8. Road. 9. Antelopes. 15. Riant. 17. Mean. 18. Tombs. 20. Dram. 22. Acon. 24. Ire.

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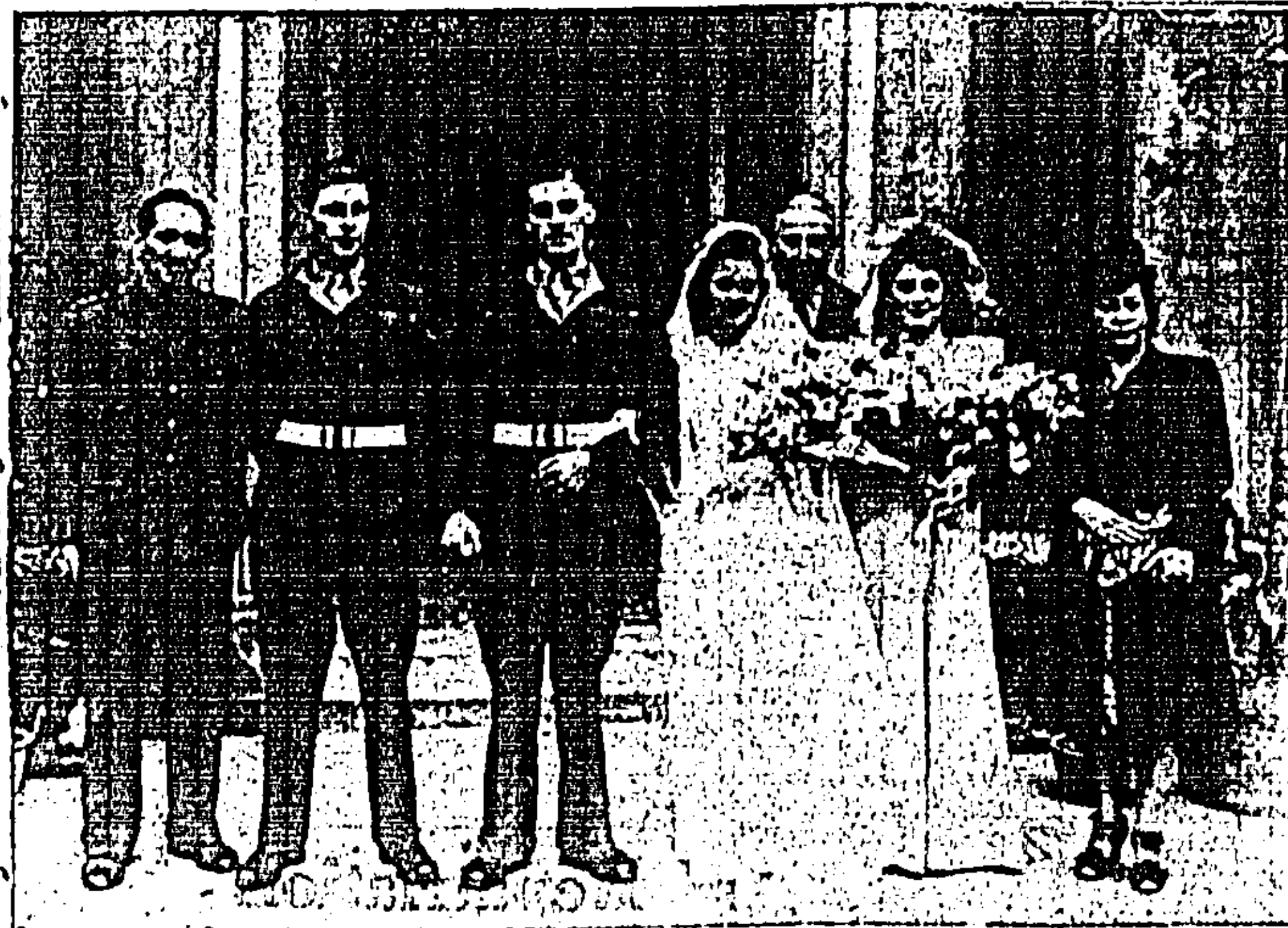


ADMIRAL CHARLES M. COOKE, Jr., Commander of the U.S. Western Pacific Fleet, arrived in Hongkong last Friday, and left the following day on being recalled urgently to Washington for consultation. He is pictured at left, accompanied by the GOC., Major-Gen. C. W. E. J. Erskine, inspecting the guard of honour on his arrival here. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



SOCIETY WEDDING—Captain Nicholas James Donald Williams, Royal Marines, and his bride, Miss Dawn Vyryan Hill, leaving St John's Cathedral after their wedding on Monday. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs E. R. Hill. Over 400 guests attended the reception at the Hongkong Club's annexe. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

ROSARY CHURCH, Kowloon, was the scene last Saturday of the wedding of Mr James Thomas Roffey and Miss Helena Adala Ozorio. Photo on the right was taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

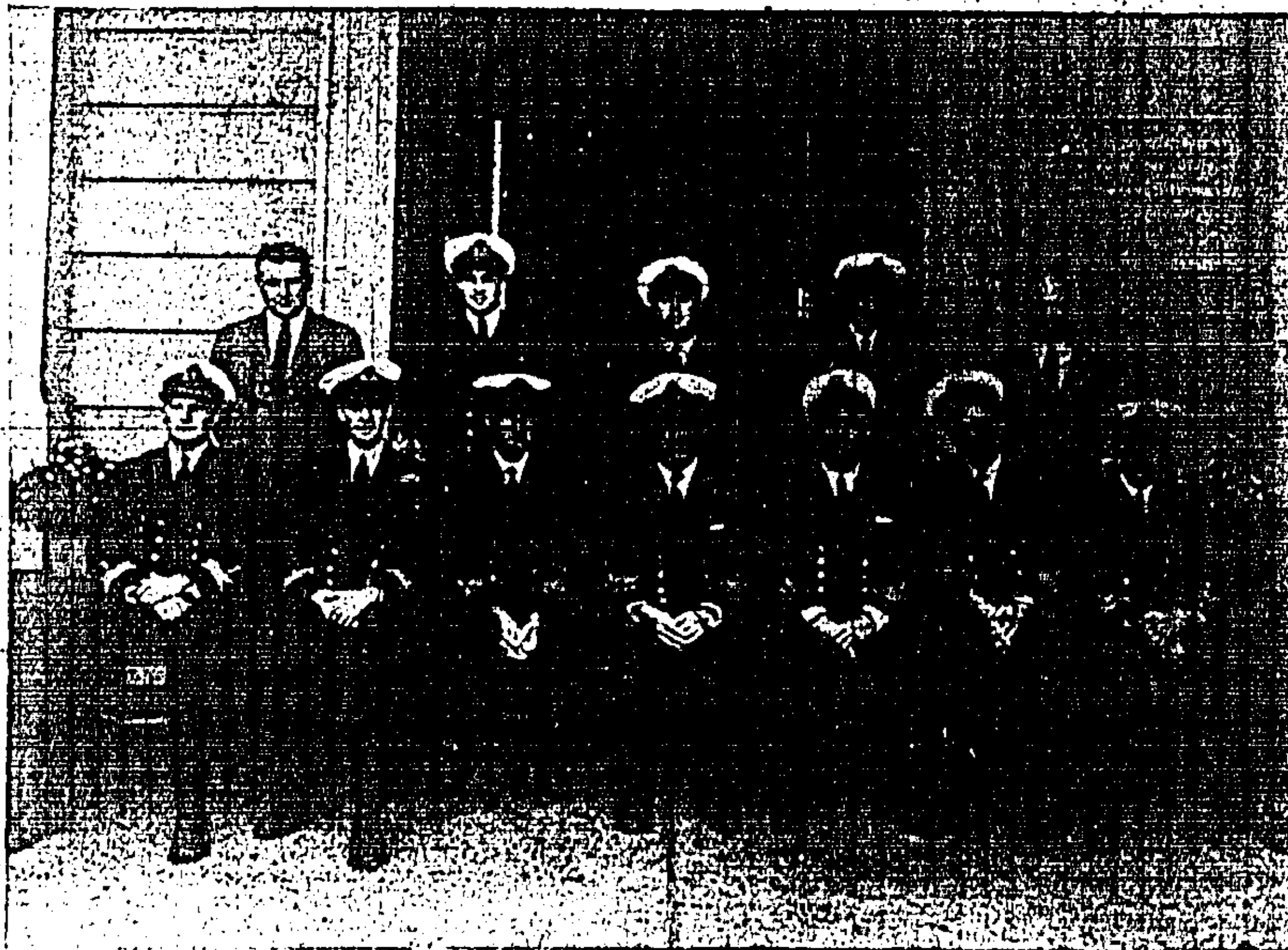


THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, fourth highest United States award for valour, was presented recently to ex-Sgt-Major Ricardo G. Laurel (seen at left) of the 4th Bn., the Border Regiment. The award was for his heroism in an engagement near Kaitik, Burma, in November 1944.



MR RICARDO MARIA VIEIRA RIBEIRO, of the Hongkong Electric Company, and his bride, Miss Leonora Maria Nunes, who were married at the Rosary Church last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

REGISTRY WEDDING—Dr A. C. Cheung, prominent local medical practitioner, and his bride, Miss Yung King-fan. They were married at the Registry last week. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming)



OFFICERS of the Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong, photographed on the occasion of the departure recently for the United Kingdom of Surgeon Cdr Ross (third from right, seated) and Surgeon Lt-Cdr Watson (second from left, seated). In centre of front row is the Medical Officer in Charge, Surgeon Capt C. Keating, MSM., RN. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



Y'S MEN'S CLUB DINNER—Members of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club and friends at the Club's 1947 inaugural dinner held recently at the Hongkong Hotel. (Photo: Golden Studio)

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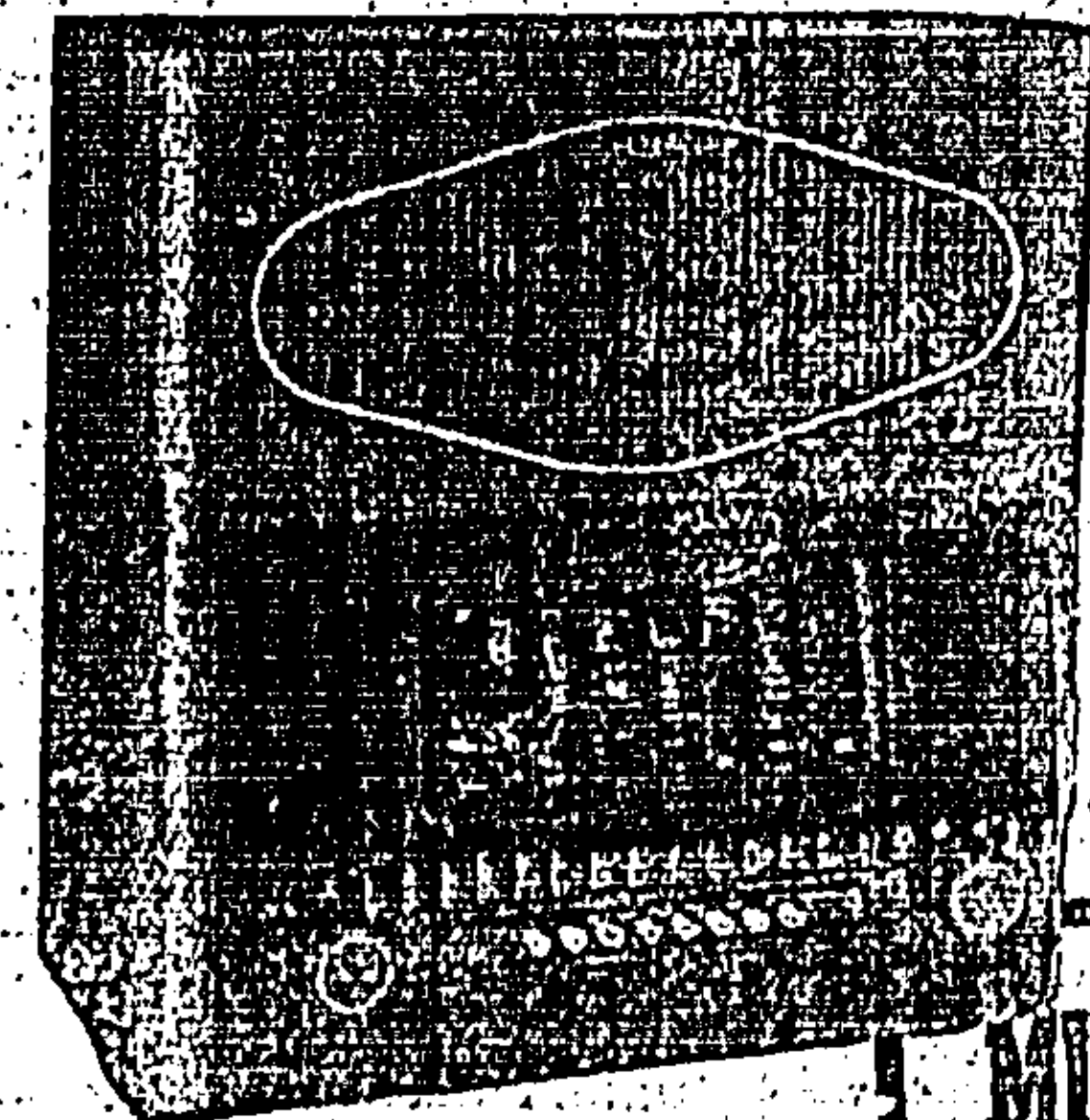
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PRUSSIA TO BE DISSOLVED

Berlin, Feb. 21. General Joseph T. McNamery, in his last news conference as the American military commander in Germany, said the Allied Control Council has agreed on the promulgation of a law to dissolve Prussia, the heart of German militarism. He added Germany must remain under occupation from 10 to 15 years to insure world security. Associated Press.

ARMS FOR VIET NAMH

SUPPLIED FROM CHINA AND SIAM

Salmon, Feb. 21. Commercial gun-running from China and Siam is officially blamed for keeping the Annamite fight alive in Northern Indo-China.

M. Leon Pignon, Political Affairs Adviser to the French High Commissioner, said the curtailment of such shipments would be possible only with the co-operation of the Chinese and Siamese governments. He charged that rubber and other commodities were exchanged for guns in strictly commercial transactions. He said Chinese Communists and part of the Siamese Annamite colony were aiding in the transport of arms. However, he absolved the Chinese and Siamese governments of complicity, saying it was believed "they are merely incapable of controlling the traffic".

M. Pignon said the liberation of Hanoi and Hue would bring France within sight of ultimate military domination of Indo-China.

General Jean Etienne Valluy, acting High Commissioner, said no peace negotiations were expected from Admiral Thierry d'Argenlieu's visit to Paris. He added "cessation of hostilities is presently impossible and the defeat of the Viet Namh forces is necessary to the prestige of the white race".

Viet Namh Reverse

A communiqué reported that about 600 Viet Namh soldiers were killed in a battle along the coastal road outside Haiphong, and announced that a French amphibious expedition had landed on the island of Vuon Quan, 10 kilometres north-west of Hanoi, and surprised the enemy, who abandoned their weapons.

A Russian truck driver and an Annamite clerk employed by the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company were killed yesterday on the road outside Saigon in the first such instance involving American business interests since the fighting began. It was not known if the attackers were bandits or if they were Viet Namh fighters.—United Press.

MAGIC HELPED TO WIN

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unfettered, a valuable Swiss wrist watch was wearing at the time and presented it, Jasper was wearing it the other day when I visited him in his dressing room after a show, and he is very proud of it.

Jasper, by now Major Maskelyne, also served in Central Mediterranean Force and in various other theatres of activities which cannot yet be disclosed. Demobilized at the end of August 1946, "Hey Presto" marked his return to the gentler art of stage illusion. He showed that he has not lost any of his dexterity in making the onlooker think the wrong thing and see the wrong thing. But after the exciting days of the desert and the great scope his fertile inventiveness was allowed—his eyes light up when he speaks of the thousands of examples of Maskelyne's magic which litter the sands of Africa—it must be very time going through the old blarney again twice a day.

The Holy Men

JASPER, by the way, was not the first of the Maskelynes to assist the fighting services in the dark hour of war. His grandfather, the "Father of English Magic" was a clever inventor as well as a illusionist and conjuror. One of his devices for filling military observation balloons was used by the British Army in the South African War. He also did some early photography of shells in flight for the War Office at the Artillery Station at Shoeburyness.

Nevis, Jasper's father, was called in by the Admiralty after the Battle of Jutland to assist them over methods to protect the skin against fire. Nevill divulged the Maskelyne secret of playing with fire, and after it had been most thoroughly tested by Admiralty chemists, it was adopted throughout the Royal Navy.

Magic helped Britain in another way in World War I. During the Near East campaign, against the Turks, Lawrence of Arabia asked for magicians to be sent out to travel among the native tribes posing as Holy Men and prophesying the defeat of the Turks. Five magicians were provided, two of whom disappeared completely and were never heard of again, but the other three established great reputations. They not only accurately foretold the defeat of Turkey, but also prophesied the outcome of many minor military operations. The last great magic to the natives, but not very surprising, as intelligence saw to it that the "Holy Men" were advised in advance of everything that was going to happen.

Communist Shantung Suffers From Lack Of Medical Supplies

Shanghai, Feb. 22. After 14 months of UNRRA relief work in China, people of Communist-held southern Shantung are so abysmally lacking in medical supplies, surgical instruments and hospitals that the grave malaria epidemics that frequently sweep the region often wipe out whole villages. Patients have to drag their own beds to the medical wards. And there is only one pair of obstetrical forceps for 15,000,000 persons.

This is the story brought to Shanghai from the Linzi area, from which UNRRA and CNRRA personnel were evacuated when their lives were endangered by frequent Nationalist air raids, including an attempt on February 6 to bomb an LST carrying medical supplies to the area.

The bombing and strafing raids, the evacuees said, were directed against market places, civilian traffic on roads and "anything conspicuous" including civilian hospitals—as far as 100 miles from the front.

Their accounts told the story of the human misery behind the statistical fact that less than two percent of all UNRRA supplies reaching China have been permitted to reach Communist territory. Most of that two percent, they said, was food which is not critically needed in what to-day is described as a virtually self-feeding agrarian region.

They told of an "astoundingly bad" epidemic of malaria. For example, half the people of one village of 300 persons died. Of the remaining 180 people, only eight survived. It became a ghost village, with weeds growing shoulder-high in the streets and wolves playing in the huts.

Also prevalent, they said, is kala-azar of which there are over 400,000 cases. One small area had 8,000 leprosy. Another village was completely leprous.

Hospitals and medical wards are "woefully inadequate" to cope with this suffering. UNRRA officers told of hospitals with 10 beds for 60 or 80 patients. Until Madame Sun Yat-sen's China Welfare Fund brought in some equipment, there were two hospitals in the whole area with surgical instruments. Even the funds equipment did not include the most basically needed items for operation purposes.

Cases Wasting

Microscopes are few. The region is "begging for medical books." Most hospitals have no thermometers or stethoscopes. One hospital director had a single old scalpel which the Japanese left behind. He had sharpened it so often that it had become practically useless. "And I've got cases waiting until I have a knife to operate with," he said.

In the face of these conditions, the evacuees reported, the Communist areas of Shantung, which contain 95 percent of the province's population of 40,000,000, received 16 percent of UNRRA medical supplies sent to Shantung. The rest went to the Nationalist five percent of the population. Up to December 1, less than 10 percent of the 15,000,000 people in the Linzi area.

Agricultural machinery such as general tractors are badly needed for rural rehabilitation, they said, but the only items in this category received to date were seven ordinary shovels. Of the 10 cases of motor car spare parts to arrive, six did not contain imperative-repaired wrenches, jacks and tires. The other 10 contained Chevrolet spare parts—useless for the UNRRA trucks, which were all Fords.

Welfare of People

With the most primitive instruments, Communist doctors and nurses are doing "wonderful work," they continued. They get some drugs from blockade runners, sometimes from Tientsin and sometimes along the coast from Shanghai.

"There is tremendous earnestness regarding the welfare of the people," they reported. For instance, 120 nurses walked three and a half weeks from Chefoo and Weihaiwei, crossing the Nationalist lines, to get to the Linzi Peace Hospital.

What little effective medical assistance there is, however, is complicated by the hospitals' forced evacuation to inconspicuous mountain villages. "Everything conspicuous" is made the target of bombs. The places—American-made—go over frequently, bombing and strafing market places. Some times they synchronize their attacks with the peasant custom to take food to market every fifth day, the evacuees said.

UNRRA officers said they often saw victims brought in. Sometimes the attacks took place so near they could hear the bombs exploding. One hospital had its number of patients doubled quickly to 180 by peasants brought in from the market places.

The bombings were presumably meant to dislocate the economic life of the region and stop volunteers from moving up to join the Eighth Route Army.

Day travel has been prohibited by bombs. Communist authorities since October, and the UNRRA and CNRRA field workers did all their traveling by night.

ALLOCATIONS OF COCOA BEANS

London, Feb. 21. The International Emergency Food Council to-day recommended that export supplies of cocoa beans be allocated among important nations of the world for the year ending September 30, 1947.

The total exportable surplus was estimated at 612,320 long tons. Brazil, for the first time, was a signatory to the IEFEC and its allocation was 139,730 tons.—United Press.

Shanghai, Feb. 22.

It was last winter that the people of Communist Shantung first heard they would get UNRRA supplies. The evacuees continued. They started plans for housing reconstruction, but by December 1946 they had not received a nail or a hammer and "wondered why the Americans did not send anything." The peasants there think UNRRA is a purely American concern.

The American "supplies" they have seen mostly so far, the account would suggest, have been captured American-made military equipment. The evacuees said they saw American cruiser tanks, several hundred General Motors trucks, howitzers and jeeps. The Communists told them the tanks were being captured by Nationalist prisoners who decided they would rather fight for the Communists.—United Press.

QUIT INDIA STATEMENT REACTION

New Delhi, Feb. 21.

Yesterday's wave of enthusiasm created by Mr. Attlee's statement to-day left a wake of calm reflection on how it would affect India's troubled waters.

Throughout the sub-continent, pro-Congress Party press greeted the setting of a deadline for Britain's decision to quit India's date with some editorial opinion was divided on whether it gave any new impetus to Hindu-Muslim co-operation in the Constituent Assembly on which the constitutional issue hangs.

It is reliably learned that Pandit Nehru called on Lord Wavell to-day to discuss the terms and implications of the statement.

It is understood that Mr. Nehru intended asking the British to elucidate certain points, on which Lord Wavell concurred. These were questions as to the scope and functions of the Indian Interim Government between now and June 1948.

Mr. Nehru also pressed for an answer to his original request regarding the Moslem League's position in the interim Government, reliable sources said.

Moslem League quarters are uncommunicative and the Moslem leader, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, is reported from Karachi as saying: "It appears to be a very important statement which requires very careful examination before I can express any opinion."

The last remaining British-owned newspaper in India, the Calcutta Statesman, called it a "leap in the dark" and accused the British Government of adding another to their long list of theoretical plans.

Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have approved the British statement because it gave a definite date for quitting India, which Gandhi had long demanded.

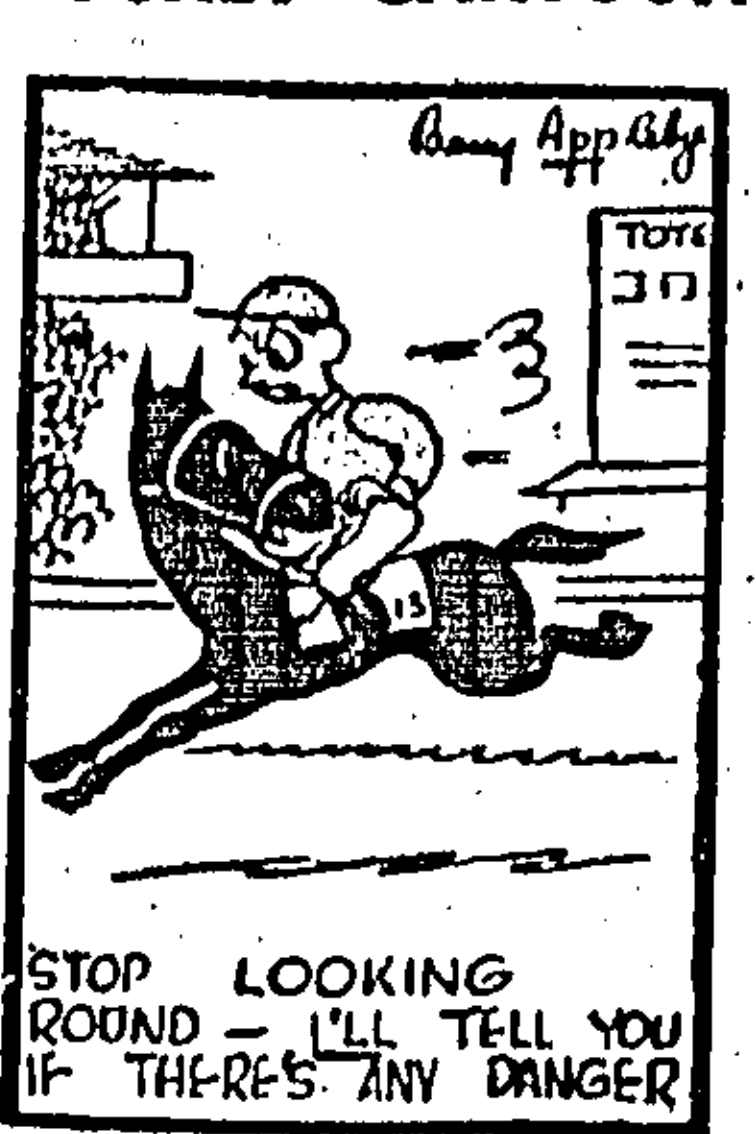
Transfer Of Power

Indian editorial comment from all centres focussed attention on Paragraph 10 of Mr. Attlee's statement, in which reference was made to the transfer of power to a central government or to provincial governments.

The consensus of Indian opinion is that this carefully-worded clause kept the initiative with Britain. Pandit Nehru's newspaper, National Herald, commented: "It may place a premium on conflicts and encourage canvassing for British help."

There is comparatively little comment on Lord Wavell's replacement by Lord Louis Mountbatten. The main tenor was a hope that the Admiral would succeed where the General failed.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



KULING TO HAVE CABLE TRAMWAY

Nanking, Feb. 22. Kuling, China's summer capital where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in 1937 made his historic decision to resist Japan's invasion, is being modernised.

Perched on Lushan mountain, in Kiangsi Province, Kuling is to have a cable tramway to carry travellers up from the Yangtze plain to the summit—an ascent of more than 1,000 metres.

The cable tram will replace the ancient sedan chair, carried by coolies—four or more if one happens to be a heavyweight—up the 10,039 stone steps of the mountain trail. It was by this means of transportation, used since Kuling became known as one of the most scenic mountain resorts centuries ago, that General George C. Marshall made nine trips up and down the mountain last summer in his futile efforts to mediate in the civil strife in China.

Longer Than Hongkong's The cable train will start at Changlingchueh (Long Ridge Foot) near Kiuksing, the nearest port city on the Yangtze River, and terminate at Hsiachienchi (Small Sky Pond) at the summit of Kuling—a distance of four and a half kilometres—five times longer than the Hongkong Peak Tram.

The machinery, cars and other equipment to be supplied by Correll and Tansil, an Italian concern known for its construction work in the Italian and Swiss Alps. The first shipment of materials will be on its way to China within three months. The project will cost CN\$21,000,000,000.

The surplus electricity generated to run the cable tram will be made available to the mountain area where 10,000 reside permanently and 100,000 transients visit each summer.—United Press.

Navigational Aids For H.K.

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by which shipping agents are in constant touch with their ships at buoys, and conversely, ships with agents. The service is now functioning on a 24-hour basis, and because of its success, it is expected the facilities will be extended in due course to the Green Island signal station.

Kong Yui, the light is at present functioning with a small Japanese lantern, but when equipment arrives, this will be replaced by a LBSA lantern with 375 mm drop lights and 25 litre burner giving a range of 10 miles.

Mr. Jolly said that requests are now being made to fit stations with radar reflectors, and the first of these—Channel Rocks—will be reconstructed very shortly to carry this device.

He added that although a considerable amount of work will be necessary to install the new equipment, when it has been completed it will give to shipping a first-class service of navigational aids.

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Capetown, Feb. 21.

King George VI open the ninth session of the South African Parliament at Capetown to-day. In a ceremony which surpassed for colour and drama any since the Union's first Parliament was inaugurated in 1910, the King affirmed the aim to strengthen cordial Commonwealth relations and ties with other countries.

After a drive through crowded streets, the King and Queen arrived at Parliament House to the accompaniment of a salute of guns. His Majesty was dressed in the tropical uniform of Admiral of the Fleet with ceremonial sword. The Queen wore white.

The King's speech was simple but impressive. "This is the first occasion," said his Majesty, "on which I have been able to open a session of Parliament in any of my Dominions. I welcome the opportunity of doing so."

The King paid tribute to the Union's war effort, saying that it had brought him great comfort in a period of trial.

"You are now dealing with the problems of peace," he continued, "a peace which must be based on the principles of freedom and justice. It is to endure. For this there is a call for courage, goodwill and the effective co-operation of all who desire the welfare of humanity."

Afrikaans Translation "To that end," declared his Majesty, "my Government has sought to work in close consultation with other members of my Commonwealth in matters of common concern."

"It will be the constant aim of my Ministers to promote the happiness and prosperity of my peoples in the Union and to maintain the cordial relations which it enjoys with the members of my Commonwealth and with other Nations."

At the conclusion of his speech, the King read the opening sentence in Afrikaans, then asked that the entire speech be read in that language.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret watched the proceeding from a balcony.

The Royal family were due late to board their train which will stop for the night at a vineyard about 80 miles from Capetown.—Associated Press.

Repatriation Of Italians

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

The Italian motor ship Sestiere will dock at Tokyo on March 10 on a repatriation mission. It was announced to-day.

The Italian ship expected to pick up 134 Italians here for the return trip to Naples. On the return voyage the ship will stop over at Shanghai, Batavia, Colombo and Ceylon to take on more Italian repatriates.

The Italians here are mainly seamen from vessels torpedoed by the Americans before the Italian surrender, or torpedoed by the Japanese after the Italian capitulation to the Allies.—United Press.

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McNary declined details of what he said was the "significant progress" on the Four Power report to the Foreign Ministers. He said the trading with enemy act would be lifted or made more flexible soon and that administrative machinery for such is being devised in Washington now. He said the troops kept here for long range task need not be many but he would hate to see all pulled out because they were an "insurance." He reiterated his original belief that the governing of Germany was a State Department job. The Army is not a proper instrument for government, he said.

On whether relations with the Russians had improved, he said, "I can see very little change."

It is impossible to get specific figures on Russian reductions but observers believed the present force to be less than 200,000 which would mean more than half of the strength of last summer.—United Press.

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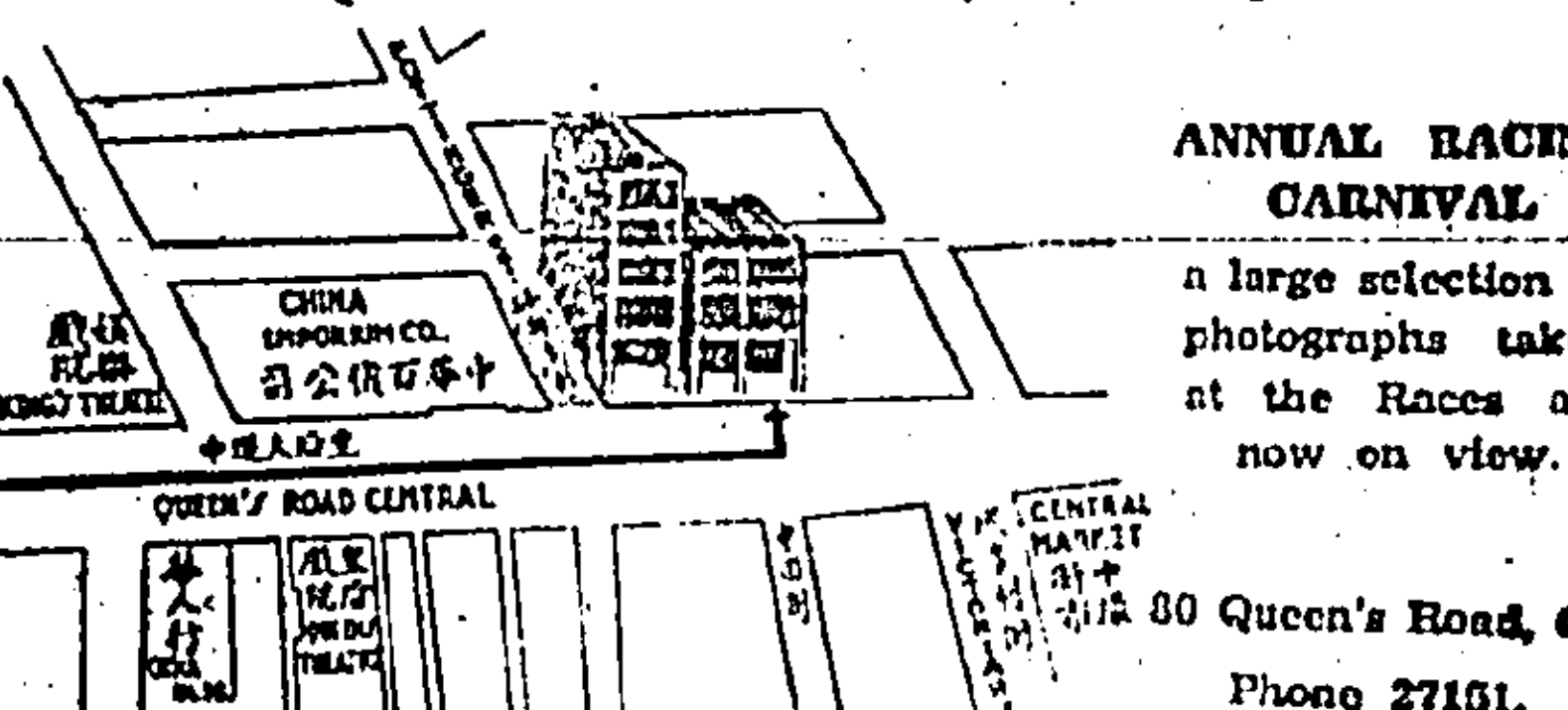
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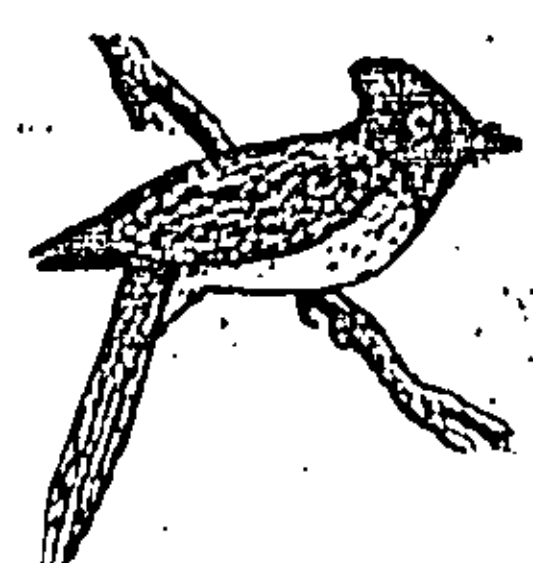
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